

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF POOR
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether S.R.Hashim Committee has submitted its report on identification of poor living in the urban areas for various Government Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the thrust areas of the report;
- (c) whether the government has accepted/proposes to accept the suggestions made in the report;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has fixed any time bound mechanism to implement the said recommendations, and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [DR.(Ms.) GIRIJA VYAS]

(a) & (b): The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor S.R.Hashim to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of families living Below Poverty Line in urban areas. The Hashim Committee submitted its final report on 24th December, 2012 to the Planning Commission. In its report, the Hashim Committee recommended three stage identification process to identify the families living Below Poverty Line in urban areas which include automatic exclusion, automatic inclusion and scoring index of the remaining urban families in this order. The methodology recommended mainly emphasizes on capturing residential, social and occupational vulnerabilities.

(c) to (e): As per approach recommended in interim report of Expert Group, Government launched survey for identification of urban poor along with caste enumeration and rural survey, which is being carried out by respective State Government/UT Administration, as combined Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC)-2011. In its final report, Expert Group, inter- alia, identified indicators for exclusion and inclusion to be applied to SECC data regarding urban households. SECC-2011 has not been completed and decision regarding recommendations made in the final report of Expert Group has not been finalized.