

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF BPL FAMILIES

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the norms specified by the Government for identification of people living Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country;
- (b) the proportional gap between APL and BPL families during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any action for bridging the said gap; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken to formulate a criteria to deliver the benefits of welfare schemes to the poor/people living below poverty line ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations for conducting the BPL Census to identify the families living below the poverty line (BPL) in the rural areas who could be targeted under its programmes. The last BPL Census was conducted in 2002 using the methodology of score based ranking of rural households for which 13 socio economic indicators such as size of landholding, type of house, food security, sanitation, means of livelihood, type of indebtedness etc. were used on the recommendation of an Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) & (d): The government is implementing various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), India Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Swarn Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)/National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), Rajiv Awaas Yojana (RAY) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in the country through the State Governments/ UT Administrations with the objectives to improve the quality of life and bridge the gap between people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL).