

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the outlay earmarked for poverty alleviation programmes in the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) the percentage of rural population which have been brought above the poverty line during the last Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the targets earmarked for poverty alleviation programmes during the current Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The outlay earmarked for two major rural poverty alleviation programmes viz. National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 1,00,000 crore and Rs.17,803 crore respectively.

(b): Estimates of poverty are made by the Planning Commission from large sample survey data on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The percentage of rural poor in 2004-05, estimated from Mixed Recall Period consumption expenditure data, which is roughly (but not strictly) comparable with the poverty estimates of 1999-2000 are as under:-

Year    Percentage of Rural poor

1999-2000	27.1%
2004-05	21.8%

(c): The Eleventh Five Year Plan has set a monitorable target to reduce poverty ratio by 10 percentage basis points.