

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POVERTY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated per day amount spent by the poorest of the poor people of rural areas in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh for their livelihood as compared to the per day amount spent by their counterparts in the urban areas;
- (b) the number of people living a measurable life during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the purchasing power of the people of the rural areas in various States including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain data on expenditure made by the poorest of the poor in rural areas. However, the erstwhile Planning Commission used monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) data from the Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) as criteria for defining poverty line that separates poor from the non-poor to estimate poverty. The poverty lines for 2011-12 have been computed following the extant Tendulkar methodology according to which the national poverty line is estimated at Rs. 816 per capita per month for rural areas and Rs. 1,000 per capita per month in urban areas in 2011-12. The poverty lines estimated for Uttar Pradesh for rural and urban areas for 2011-12 are Rs. 768 per capita per month and Rs. 941 per capita per month respectively.

(b): The State wise number of people living below Poverty line in rural and urban areas including Uttar Pradesh is given at Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh, through State Governments and UT Administrations. The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities.