

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India tops list of countries with largest share of global extreme poor as per United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) report for 2014;
- (b) the details of targets set and achievements made with regard to UN Millennium Development Goals including those of eradication of extreme hunger and poverty to be achieved by 2015;
- (c) whether the Government will be able to achieve the set MDG targets of poverty eradication by 2015, particularly in extreme poor rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same; and
- (e) the details of post MDG phase of rural development plan for eradication of hunger and poverty and the steps taken by the Government to meet the targets of MDGs in stipulated time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS
INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

- (a) As per United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) report for 2014, one third of the worlds extreme poor live in India.
- (b) Indias achievements in respect of Millennium Development Goals and Targets thereof are detailed at Annex- 1
- (c) & (d) Target of reduction of poverty both in rural and in urban areas has been achieved. We are lagging behind in case of reducing hunger.
- (e) The Government has taken various steps for achieving MDGs Targets where achievements are slow or off track. These include beneficiary oriented schemes like ICDS, Mid Day Meal, MNREGA, National Health Mission, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, etc.