

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

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URBAN POVERTY

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

- (a) whether poverty rate in urban areas has increased over the years as per the estimates of Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people living below poverty line as per the latest estimates in this regard, city and State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the World Bank has suggested several measures to reduce urban poverty in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

- (a) & (b): As per the poverty estimates released by the Planning Commission, the percentage of population below poverty line in urban areas has declined from 25.7 percent in 2004-05 to 13.7 percent in 2011-12.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has not received any suggestion from the World Bank regarding urban poverty.
- (e): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) which has been restructured into National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) since September, 2013. It aims at organizing urban poor in self help groups, imparting skill training to urban poor for self and wage employment and helping them to set up self-employment venture by providing credit on subsidized rate of interest. In addition, shelters for urban homeless and infrastructure for street vendors can also be taken up under this Mission.