

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

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POVERTY LINE

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

- (a) whether the urban poverty is declining in the country, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of people living below poverty line in the country, state-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the details of the schemes launched by the Government to alleviate the urban poverty and generate employment;
- (d) whether these schemes have not achieved the desired outcomes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(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. A Statement showing State-wise population Below Poverty Line (BPL) in urban areas in the country including Chhattisgarh for the year 2011-12 is annexed.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation had 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.

Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)/ National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), upto 31st October 2014, a total of 15,75,328 beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up self-employment ventures, 37,37,669 persons have been provided skill training and 6,75,429 women beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up Group micro enterprises.