

question papers in Hindi in respect of (i) Cost Accounting, (ii) Auditing (iii) Mercantile Law, Company Law and Industrial Law and (iv) Organisations Management and Economics papers of Intermediate Examination only.

- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Criteria for Defining Poverty Line

469. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the various changes made in the criteria for defining poverty line during the last ten years;

(b) whether there is any move to change the criteria for defining poverty line during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of people who crossed

the poverty line with rural-urban break-up at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) There has been no change in the criteria for defining poverty line during the last 10 years.

(b) Planning Commission has constituted an "Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor" to review the methodology of poverty estimation. The group has yet to finalise its recommendations in this regard.

(c) Poverty estimates for the end year of the 7th Five Year Plan i.e. 1989-90 are not available. The number of people below poverty line State-wise, with rural-urban break-up, are available for the years 1983-84 and 1987-88 for which years the household consumption expenditure data from NSSO are available. These are given in statements I & II respectively.

STATEMENT-I

Number and percentage of population below the poverty line by States Separately for rural and urban areas: 1983-84 (Provisional)

S.No.	State	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		Number (lakhs)	% age	Number (lakhs)	% age	Number (lakhs)	% age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	164.4	38.7	40.7	29.5	205.1	36.4
2.	Assam	44.9	23.8	4.9	21.6	49.8	23.5
3.	Bihar	329.4	51.4	36.1	37.0	365.5	49.5
4.	Gujarat	67.7	27.6	19.9	17.3	87.6	24.3
5.	Haryana	16.2	15.2	5.5	16.9	21.7	15.6
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5.8	14.0	0.3	8.0	6.1	13.5
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.1	16.4	2.2	15.8	10.3	16.3
8.	Karnataka	102.9	37.5	34.7	29.2	137.6	35.0
9.	Kerala	55.9	26.1	15.6	30.1	71.5	26.8

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.	Madhya Pradesh	218.0	50.3	36.9	31.1	254.9	46.2
11.	Maharashtra	176.1	41.5	5.9	23.3	232.0	34.0
12.	Manipur	1.3	11.7	0.6	13.8	1.9	12.3
13.	Meghalaya	3.9	33.7	0.1	4.0	4.0	28.0
14.	Orissa	107.7	44.8	10.4	29.3	118.1	42.8
15.	Punjab	13.7	10.9	10.7	21.0	24.4	13.8
16.	Rajasthan	105.0	36.6	21.2	26.1	126.2	34.3
17.	Tamil Nadu	147.6	44.1	52.6	30.9	200.2	39.6
18.	Tripura	4.6	23.5	0.5	19.6	5.1	23.0

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		Number (lakhs)	% age	Number (lakhs)	% age	Number (lakhs)	% age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19.	Uttar Pradesh	110.0	46.5	90.6	40.3	530.6	45.3
20.	West Bengal	183.9	43.8	41.2	26.5	225.1	39.2
21.	Nagaland, Sikkim & All Union Territories	17.9	47.4	14.4	17.7	32.3	27.1
	All India	2215.0	40.4	495.0	28.1	2710.0	37.4

Note: 1. The above estimates are derived by using the poverty line of Rs. 49.09 per capita per month at 1973-74 prices corresponding to daily calorie requirement of 2400 per persons in rural areas and the poverty line of Rs. 56.64 per capita per month corresponding to calorie requirement of 2100 in urban areas.

2. For updating the poverty line for 1983-84, C.S.O. Poverty consumption deflator has been used.

3. These results are based on the provisional and quick tabulation of the NSS on household consumer expen. of 38th Round (Jan. 1983 to Dec. 1983)

4. The difference between the aggregate all India private consumption expenditure estimated by Central Statistical Organisation in their National Accounts Statistics and that derived from the NSSO data has been prorata adjusted among the different States and Union Territories in the absence of any informant to allocate this difference among the States and Union Territories.

5. The number of people below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st March, 1984.

STATEMENT-II

Number and percentage of population below the poverty line by States separately for rural, urban & combined areas 1987-88 (Provisional)

S.No.	State & UT's	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	153.1	33.3	42.6	26.1	195.70	31.7
2.	Assam	50.4	24.5	2.5	9.4	52.89	22.8
3.	Bihar	300.3	42.7	36.1	30.0	336.54	40.8
4.	Gujarat	56.2	21.2	17.1	12.9	73.25	18.4
5.	Haryana	13.5	11.7	4.7	11.7	18.15	11.6
6.	Himachal Pradesh	4.4	9.7	0.1	2.4	4.52	9.2
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.4	15.5	1.4	8.4	9.79	13.9
8.	Karnataka	102.8	35.9	33.7	24.2	136.46	32.1

S.No.	State & UT's	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9.	Kerala	37.4	16.4	11.6	19.3	48.98	17.0
10.	Madhya Pradesh	194.0	41.5	30.9	21.3	224.97	36.7
11.	Maharashtra	166.9	36.7	47.2	17.0	214.10	29.2
12.	Orissa	124.2	48.3	10.9	24.1	135.12	44.7
13.	Punjab	9.6	7.2	4.3	7.2	13.38	7.2
14.	Rajasthan	80.6	26.0	19.0	19.4	99.54	24.4
15.	Tamil Nadu	138.4	39.5	38.5	20.5	176.85	32.8
16.	Uttar Pradesh	373.1	37.2	75.2	27.2	448.34	35.1
17.	West Bengal	137.2	30.3	36.3	20.7	173.45	27.6

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		No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
18.	Small States & UTs.	9.3	11.8	4.9	4.7	14.2	7.7
19.	All India	1959.7	33.4	417.0	20.1	2376.7	29.9

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 2. For up-dating the poverty line for 1987-88 C.S.O. Private Consumption deflator has been used.
 3. These calculations are based on the draft report of 43rd Round of National Sample Survey data on house-hold consumer expenditure (Report No. 372, "Report on the Fourth Quinquennial Survey on Consumer Expenditure, N.S.S.O, June 1990").
 4. The number of people below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st March, 1988.
 5. State-wise poverty ratios have been estimated using the same methodology as was used at the time of formulation of Seventh Five Year Plan. Since then a number of issues have been raised about the methodology of poverty estimation and these issues are being considered by an expert group headed by Dr. D.T. Lakdawala.
 6. The estimates presented here are likely to get revised in the light of the recommendations of the Expert Group.