

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2459
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019

POVERTY IN RURAL AREAS

2459. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programmes/policies formulated/implemented by the Government for improving the lives of rural people and for their economic welfare;
- (b) the details of the measures/schemes undertaken to alleviate poverty and unemployment among rural people, to bring improvement in the health and education sector and to meet the basic necessities like housing and clothing;
- (c) the present status of these schemes/plans along with the details of the action taken to publicise the Government programmes/policies among the rural people; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the people living below the poverty line in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) : The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self-employment, skilling of rural youths, infrastructure development, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities and alleviation of poverty in rural areas of all the States including the State of Maharashtra.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for providing health cover upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per annum to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families as per Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011. Out of the 10.74 crores entitled families under AB-PMJAY, around 8.19 crore families have been identified from rural areas as per the SECC data. In the state of Maharashtra, around 8.36 lakh families are entitled for benefits under the scheme.

Under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE) renamed as Mid-Day Meal scheme being implemented by Ministry of Human Resources Development, every child in every Government and Government aided primary school, children studying in Education Guarantee Scheme(EGS) and Alternative Innovative Education Centres(AIE) is served a prepared mid day meal per day for a minimum of 200 days. Ministry of Human Resources Development has operationalised Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutes (IDMI) scheme to enhance quality of education to minority children.

NSAP is a social welfare/ social security scheme for the persons belonging to Below Poverty Line(BPL) households being implemented in the country including the State of Maharashtra. It comprises five separate welfare schemes namely, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme(IGNWPS),Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme(IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme and Annapurna.

The Ministry has separate Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Division for planning and executing IEC activities to sustain awareness about the programmes of the Ministry amongst the beneficiaries and target groups in rural areas which includes of Maharashtra.
