

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2474
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 05, 2020**

URBAN POVERTY DATA

NO. 2474. SHRI KUNWAR DANISH ALI :

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- a) whether the Government has latest data on urban poverty in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- b) the criteria adopted by the Government to measure the urban poverty;**
- c) whether the Government has proposed to change the criteria and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- d) if not, the extent to which the present criteria is efficient in presenting a true picture of urban poverty?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

(a)to(d):The methodology for estimation of poverty followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission is based on the recommendations made by experts in the field from time to time. The last data on poverty estimates was issued by erstwhile Planning Commission in 2011-12 following the extant Tendulkar Committee methodology and released through a Press Note issued on 22nd July 2013. According to this Press Note, the poverty ratio in urban areas of the country is 13.7 percent (531.25 lakhs) during 2011-12. The State-wise information is at Annexure-I.

**Annexure-I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2474 for Answer on
05.03.2020**

State-wise Number and Percentage of Urban Population below Poverty Line: 2011-12 (based on Tendulkar Methodology)

| States/UTs | Urban | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | % of Persons | No. of Persons (lakhs) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 5.81 | 16.98 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 20.33 | 0.66 |
| Assam | 20.49 | 9.21 |
| Bihar | 31.23 | 37.75 |
| Chhattisgarh | 24.75 | 15.22 |
| Delhi | 9.84 | 16.46 |
| Goa | 4.09 | 0.38 |
| Gujarat | 10.14 | 26.88 |
| Haryana | 10.28 | 9.41 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 4.33 | 0.30 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 7.20 | 2.53 |
| Jharkhand | 24.83 | 20.24 |
| Karnataka | 15.25 | 36.96 |
| Kerala | 4.97 | 8.46 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 21.00 | 43.10 |
| Maharashtra | 9.12 | 47.36 |
| Manipur | 32.59 | 2.78 |
| Meghalaya | 9.26 | 0.57 |
| Mizoram | 6.36 | 0.37 |
| Nagaland | 16.48 | 1.00 |
| Odisha | 17.29 | 12.39 |
| Punjab | 9.24 | 9.82 |
| Rajasthan | 10.69 | 18.73 |
| Sikkim | 3.66 | 0.06 |
| Tamil Nadu | 6.54 | 23.40 |
| Tripura | 7.42 | 0.75 |

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| Uttarakhand | 10.48 | 3.35 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 26.06 | 118.84 |
| West Bengal | 14.66 | 43.83 |
| Puducherry | 6.30 | 0.55 |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Chandigarh | 22.31 | 2.34 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 15.38 | 0.28 |
| Daman & Diu | 12.62 | 0.26 |
| Lakshadweep | 3.44 | 0.02 |
| All INDIA | 13.70 | 531.25 |