

(v) A central repository of information on the centrally sponsored and central sector Plan Schemes has been created.

The application developed has integrated the report generation capabilities with the transaction databases that have been created in the first phase of implementation. Accordingly for 2008-09 State/Scheme-wise reports on release under Flagship Schemes were generated. During 2009-10 this has been extended to all Schemes and it is now possible to generate State/Scheme-wise releases for all Plans Schemes.

World Bank's estimate of BPL population

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had estimated India's population living below poverty line at 41 per cent in 2005;

(b) if so, whether the population living below poverty line has come down in the meantime; and

(c) Government's plan and targets fixed in this respect to be achieved by the end of 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY) : (a) As per the World Bank Report entitled "Global Economic Prospects for 2009", the percentage of people in India living on less than \$1.25 a day is 41.6 per cent for the year 2005.

(b) The Planning Commission estimates the number of persons living below poverty line at national and State level, separately in rural and urban areas from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. As per the latest available estimates for the year 2004-05, the number of persons living below poverty line is estimated to be 301.7 million accounting for 27.5% of the total population. As such, official estimates on poverty after 2004-05 are not available. The World Bank document 'Global Economic Prospects for 2009' has given the poverty estimates for 2005 and has projected that the percentage of persons living on less than \$1.25 a day in the country would decline to 25.4 percent by 2015.

(c) No targets have been fixed by the Planning Commission for population living below the poverty line by the end of 2010. However, the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) envisages reduction in the headcount ratio of consumption poverty by 10 percentage points. The Government is implementing a number of poverty alleviation programmes such as : National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Integrated Child Development Services Schemes (ICDS), Mid-day Meal Scheme, Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), etc.