

Per capita income in India

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the "Global Economic Prospects for 2009" the percentage of people living with 1.25 Dollar per day earning is 41.6 per cent in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the income of the poorest people at international level is estimated at 1.25 Dollar per day; and

(d) if so, the estimate of this income in India and the reasons for non-acceptance of international standards in India in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the document, 'Global Economic Prospect 2009' released by the World Bank, the percentage of people living on less than 1.25 Dollar per day is 41.6 per cent in India.

(b) Government of India does not use poverty estimates based on international poverty lines. The Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of persons living below the 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, following the methodology contained in the Report of the Expert Group of Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor.

(c) and (d) The new international poverty line to measure extreme poverty is 1.25 Dollar (in 2005 international dollars) per day. The Government of India does not use the poverty estimates based on international poverty line, since such poverty line does not distinguish between rural and urban areas or between different States of the country.

Services of extra-departmental employees

*99. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any Committee to consider the feasibility of regularizing the services of about 2.75 lakh extra-departmental employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when regularization would take place?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government set up a one-man committee with Shri R. S. Nataraja Murti, Retired Member Postal Services Board as Chairman for examining the conditions of service, emoluments

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