

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Ministry is in the process of finalizing the methodology for identification of people living below the Poverty Line in rural areas of the country, taking in to account the suggestions/comments of States/UTs and Central Ministries and experts.

Dichotomy about BPL population

‡4287. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge difference between the reports of N.C. Saxena Committee constituted by his Ministry for the data of poors and Suresh Tendulkar Committee of Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to give any special financial package for poverty alleviation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Expert Groups headed by Dr. N.C. Saxena and Prof. S.D. Tendulkar were set up with different objectives. The Expert Group set up by the Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D Tendulkar to review the methodology for estimation of poverty which has redefined the poverty line, according to which, the poverty ratio in the country was 37.2 percent in 2004-05 as against the poverty ratio of 27.5 percent of the Planning Commission. Whereas the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. N.C. Saxena was set up to advise the Ministry of Rural Development on the methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for the 11th Five Year Plan for identification of households living Below Poverty Line (BPL).

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Payments under MNREGS

4288. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind delays in the payment to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS);

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