

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh guidelines are being worked out for a nation wide survey to identify the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development constituted an Expert Group to advise the Ministry on the suitable methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for 11th Five Year Plan in August, 2008. The Expert Group submitted its report to the Ministry on 21st August, 2009. The report of the Expert Group has been circulated among the States/UTs and the concerned Central Ministries for their comments and has also been posted on the Ministry's website at [www.rural.nic.in](http://www.rural.nic.in). 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 into account the suggestions/comments of States/UTs and Central Ministries and experts. The guidelines will be prepared once the methodology is finalized.

#### **Projection of Shipping industry**

2751. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the projections of Shipping industry for the period of Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government has prepared any plan to develop infrastructure to meet the projected growth; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (c) Twelfth Five Year Plan proposals have so far not been visualized.

The Government of India has formulated the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). It is a comprehensive programme aimed at various issues that need to be addressed to bring holistic growth in the Indian Shipping Industry. The NMDP covers both 11 and 12th Five Year Plan period.

#### **Hijacking of vessel by pirates**

†2752. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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