

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) In the document "Approach to the Fifth Plan 1974-79", private consumption of Rs. 20 *per capita* per month at 1960-61 prices or about Rs. 40 at October, 1972 prices has been deemed a minimum desirable consumption standard. People below this level of private consumption may be considered as poor.

(c) (1) In the document "Towards an Approach to the Fifth Plan", for the country as a whole, between 40 to 50 per cent of the population, that is about 220 million people, were estimated to be poor.

(2) The State-wise distribution of the poor in 1964-65 on the basis of broadly similar norms for rural and urban areas suggested by Prof. V. M. Dandekar and Shri Rath and the consumer expenditure data based on the 1966 Round of the National Sample Survey was given in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2304 on 29th November, 1972. A copy of the reply is laid on the Table of the House.

(3) The main directions of effort to bring the poor to the minimum desirable standard are listed below:

(i) Expansion of employment opportunities covering both wage and self-employment.

(ii) A National Minimum Needs Programme to cover essential needs in respect of elementary education, health, nutrition, drinking water, house sites, rural roads and electricity and slum improvement and clearance;

(iii) Extension of coverage of statutory minimum wages;

(iv) Priority in investment and production to articles of mass consumption;

(v) Creation of an adequate public procurement and distribution system for food grains and other essential goods; and

(vi) Special measures for the uplift of the backward classes and regions which have a relatively high proportion of the poor.

The details of these measures are being worked out and will be incorporated in the Draft Fifth Plan to be ready by September, 1973.

PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE IN STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

2304. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
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MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2277 on 16th August, 1972 regarding the People living below poverty line and state the percentage of people living below the poverty line in each State and Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): Prof. V. M. Dandekar and Shri N. Rath have suggested that to ensure a national minimum level of consumption it will be necessary that the average *per capita* monthly consumption expenditure should be Rs. 27 in rural areas and Rs. 40.50 in urban areas at 1968-69 prices. Official consumer expenditure data based on the 19th Round of the National Sample Survey are available for the year 1964-65. Making adjustments for the price rise between 1964-65 and 1968-69, the *per capita* monthly expenditure of Rs. 20 in the rural areas and Rs. 30 in the urban areas at 1964-65 prices would be necessary to ensure a minimum level of living. On

this basis the approximate proportion of the population living below the poverty line in different States and the Union Territories in 1964-65 may be estimated as follows:—

States	Rural	Urban
1. Andhra Pradesh	48.50	57.61
2. Assam	18.30	48.51
3. Bihar	42.80	55.55
4. Gujarat	45.59	54.48
5. Haryana	21.16	48.11
6. Jammu and Kashmir	26.63	61.38
7. Kerala	60.82	66.36
8. Madhya Pradesh	47.32	54.73
9. Madras	50.94	55.16
10. Maharashtra	47.02	43.93
11. Mysore	48.99	51.81
12. Orissa	62.04	57.58
13. Punjab	22.69	43.39
14. Rajasthan	35.29	51.41
15. Uttar Pradesh	41.61	62.56
16. West Bengal	50.19	40.18
17. Union Territories	33.24	24.11
18. All India	44.57	51.54

ANNUAL PLAN OF RAJASTHAN

*228. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual plan of the State of Rajasthan for the year 1973-74 has been approved; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outlay, the growth of targets (agricultural, industrial) and per capita income and targets in respect of various social services, health, family planning, education contemplated thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The outlay approved by the Planning Commission for the Annual Plan 1973-74 of Rajasthan amounts to Rs. 75.10 crores. The physical targets in relation to the outlay approved are still being worked out by the Government of Rajasthan.

SETTING UP OF RESEARCH LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY

*229. MISS SAROJ PURSHOTTAM KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered proposals for setting up research laboratories/Centres covering various technical fields of industry;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) where will such laboratories/Centres be opened?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (c) The following proposals for Research Laboratories Centres are under consideration.

1. Institute for Solar Energy.
2. Institute for Refrigeration and Air-conditioning.
3. Corrosion Research Board.
4. Co-operative Research Association for electrical and allied industries.
5. Central Research Institute for Pulp and Paper Technology.
6. Batteries Research Centre.
7. Centre for Bio-technology, bio-engineering and fermentation.
8. Centre for Catalysts Research.
9. Institute for Polymer Research.
10. Fibre Research Laboratory.
11. Institute for Refractories.
12. Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CG&CRI) Regional Centre in Gujarat.
13. Some Regional Research Laboratories.
14. Institute for Welding Research.
15. Institute for Tyre Research.