

Statement

Number of operational projects and beneficiaries of Anganwadi Centre

Year	Number of operational projects	No. of operational AWCs	No. of Supplementary nutrition beneficiaries			No. of pre-school education beneficiaries (in lakh)
			6 mths-6yrs	P & L mothers	Total (in lakh)	
31.03.2006	5659	748229	467.18	95.00	562.18	244.92
31.03.2007	5829	844743	581.85	125.58	705.43	300.81
31.03.2008	6070	1013337	696.44	146.82	843.26	339.11
31.03.2009	6120	1044269	721.96	151.47	873.43	340.60
31.03.2010	6509	1142029	727.89	156.45	884.34	354.93
30.06.2011	6730	1265753	784.19	179.58	963.77	368.89

Poverty line definition

*518. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) in what manner Government defines the poverty line for the purposes of planning;
- (b) whether some international organisations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Bank, have formulated norms to define the poverty line;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government is planning to redefine the poverty line in accordance with recommendations mentioned in part (c); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) The poverty line has been defined by the Planning Commission on the basis of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) as the criterion. The method for estimation of poverty has been

reviewed by the Planning Commission from time to time. The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar to review the methodology for estimation of poverty of the country, which submitted its report in December 2009. The estimates of number and proportion of persons living below the poverty line (BPL) for the States as well as the country are made from Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). These surveys are conducted quinquennially. The latest estimates of poverty are available for the year 2004-05 based on 61st round of NSS on Household Consumer Expenditure. Based on the Tendulkar Committee methodology, the poverty lines in 2004-05 at all India level are calculated as per capita monthly consumption expenditure of Rs 446.68 for rural areas and Rs. 578.80 for urban areas. The next round of large sample survey has been conducted in 2009-10. The Planning Commission is in the process of computing poverty estimates on the basis NSSO survey data of 2009-10 on Household Consumer Expenditure, which are now available.

(b) and (c) For assessing poverty worldwide, the World Bank computes percentage of persons living below international poverty line of \$1.25 a day in 2005 prices adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) uses the same poverty estimates.

(d) and (e) The Government of India does not follow the World Bank Poverty line. However, as mentioned in the World Bank's Policy Research Working Paper No. 4703 entitled "The Developing World is Poorer Than We Thought, But No Less Successful in the Fight against Poverty" released in August 2008, the international poverty line at \$1.25 a day in 2005 based on India's PPP rate, works out to Rs 14.24 per capita per day in rural areas and Rs 21.53 per capita per day in urban areas which amounts to per capita monthly expenditure of Rs 427 in rural areas and Rs. 646 in urban areas, which are broadly comparable to Indian poverty lines.

Haj house near Shamshabad airport in Hyderabad

*519. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any progress on the construction of Haj House near Shamshabad Airport in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and