

Consumer expenditure survey

3174. SHRID. BANDYOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has completed the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the year 2009-10;

(b) if so, the figures in percentage terms of population below poverty line—urban, rural and combined; and

(c) if not, in view of the computations being done electronically, the reasons for delay in publishing the poverty related figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Planning Commission has worked out the percentage of population below poverty line as 20.9, 33.8 and 29.8 for urban, rural and combined respectively at all India level.

(c) Does not arise.

Scarcity of NCERT textbooks

3175. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is scarcity of NCERT textbooks throughout the country for the current academic session;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the persons responsible for the scarcity; and

(c) if not, the details of total proposed print order of the textbooks for the academic year 2012-13, class-wise and the total number of books actually printed till March 15, 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) NCERT has informed that there is no overall scarcity of textbooks in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For the academic session 2012-13 the NCERT is required to print about 3,51,00,000 copies. As on 15.03.2012 NCERT received 40,23,170 printed copies and the total stock of books lying with NCERT was 1,84,23,170. As on 23.4.2012 approx. 2,88,42,800 copies of the text books have been got printed.