

events is offset by decreasing moderate events and hence on the long term the change is not appreciable. Many studies have discussed the possible reasons for recent weakening monsoon.

- (iv) Studies were undertaken in four climate sensitive regions of the country, *viz.* Himalayan Region, Western Ghats, North Eastern Region, Coastal Areas to assess the possible impacts on the four sectors *viz.* agriculture, water, forests and health. A Report entitled, *Climate Change and India: A 4X4 Assessment - A Sectoral and Regional Assessment of Impact of Climate Change in 2030s*, has been released by the Government during November, 2010 under the aegis of the Indian Network of Climate Change Assessment (INCCA).

UN MDGs report on poors

3158. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Report, 2014, one third of the world's extreme poor are living in India, if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto; and

(b) the details of the number of poor in the country as per the estimate of Indian Government and the number of poor as per the UN report in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI INDERJIT SINGH RAO): (a) According to United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) report for 2014, in 2010, one third of the world's 1.2 billion extreme poor lived in India. The report has used the World Bank data which defines poverty line at US \$ 1.25 a day measured at 2005 international price and adjusted to local currency using PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) conversion factor.

Planning Commission does not use the international poverty norms set by the World Bank to estimate number of poor in the country primarily because international poverty line does not distinguish between rural and urban areas or between different States of the country. The Planning Commission estimates poverty at the national and State level with reference to poverty line defined in terms of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) as recommended by the experts from time to time. The official poverty line for 2011-12, based on Tendulkar Committee methodology, is marginally higher than US \$1.25 per day at PPP conversion rates.

(b) As per Planning Commission the number of persons living below the poverty line in the country is estimated as 270 million in 2011-12. Whereas, according to UN report, in 2010, there were around 400 million persons living below US \$ 1.25 a day in India.