

bilingual question papers of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination conducted on 24th August, 2014 by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). UPSC has constituted a three member committee on 05.09.2014 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Purushottam Agrawal, former Member, UPSC and former Professor, School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

(c) and (d) The report of the Committee has been received by the Government. The Committee in its report has suggested various measures to improve Hindi translation of bilingual question papers. UPSC has examined the report of the Committee and has taken steps to make the Hindi translation user friendly.

#### **Poverty in country as per UN Study Report**

2126. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per UN Study Report, India is home to the extreme poor, if so, the details thereof, the action plan to address this issue; and

(b) whether the UN report has cited certain reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report titled “The Millennium Development Goals Report 2014” states that “In 2010, one third of the world’s 1.2 billion extreme poor lived in India alone.”

The Government has initiated various measures to improve the quality of life of the people and to reduce poverty in the country through direct intervention by implementing specific poverty reduction and mitigation programmes. This includes Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), National Health Mission (NHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Swachh Bharat Mission etc. These interventions are expected to yield better results over time in terms of reduction in poverty in the country.

(b) The UNDP’s “The Millennium Development Goals Report 2014” has not cited any particular reason for poverty in India.