

12. Has the proposal been approved by Secretary/Joint Secretary level officer in the Ministry /Department
13. Name, address and telephone number of the Ministry's representative with whom the proposals may be discussed, if necessary, for clarification/early decision.

Signature of the Officer sending the proposals

Telephone No

Place

Date

Schemes for BPL people

†*270. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of households in the country that are living below poverty line at present;
- (b) the number of households in the rural areas that are living below poverty line as per the data available so far;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to bring down the number of people living below poverty line; and
- (d) whether any scheme in this regard is being implemented in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The erstwhile Planning Commission estimated number of persons from the Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. These surveys are normally conducted on quinquennial basis. The latest data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been collected by NSSO in its 68th round conducted in 2011-12. As per this latest survey data, for 2011-12, the number of persons living below poverty line has been estimated as 27 crore in the country. The number of persons living below poverty line in rural areas has been estimated as 21.7 crore in 2011-12.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) in all the District Headquarters and other

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towns with population of one lakh and above. Rajasthan is also covered under the Scheme. NULM aims at providing skill training to urban poor so that they can find gainful employment or set up self-employment ventures. It also provides credit at subsidized rate of interest for individual / group micro-enterprises to help the urban poor.

The Government has also launched "Housing for All (Urban) Mission (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna) on 25.06.2015. The Mission aims to provide assistance to States / UTs in addressing the housing requirement of the slum dwellers and urban poor through following four verticals:

- (i) "In situ" Slum Redevelopment through private participation using land as resource;
- (ii) Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS);
- (iii) Affordable Housing in Partnership; and
- (iv) Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement.

Besides, the Government is implementing major programmes in rural areas, including Rajasthan, namely; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for wage employment, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for livelihoods promotion through self employment, Indira Awaas Yojana for rural housing, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for rural connectivity, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for social assistance to rural poor through the State / UT Governments. These programmes are aimed at betterment of rural livelihoods and overall development of rural areas through creation of employment opportunities, infrastructures and providing social assistance to the rural poor.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Apprehensions about nuclear safety

2721. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the apprehensions about nuclear safety in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether experts have opined that India is having untested reactor designs, used in atomic power plants, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and