

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1435**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022

**POOR CITIZENS IN THE COUNTRY**

1435 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of poor people in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether these include SC/ST/OBC and the minorities; and
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) The erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty line and poverty ratio on the basis of Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure published by NSSO was for the 68th round conducted in 2011-12. Based on this data, the erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty lines and poverty ratio in 2011-12 following the extant Tendulkar Committee methodology and released through a Press Note issued on 22nd July 2013. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated to be 27 crore in 2011-12. The State/UT-wise details of population living below poverty line in 2011-12 are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) & (c) : Yes Sir, the State-wise details are given at **Annexure-II**

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**Number and Percentage of Population below poverty line by states - 2011-12  
(Tendulkar Methodology)**

S. No.	States	Rural		Urban		Total	
		% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.96	61.80	5.81	16.98	9.20	78.78
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.93	4.25	20.33	0.66	34.67	4.91
3	Assam	33.89	92.06	20.49	9.21	31.98	101.27
4	Bihar	34.06	320.40	31.23	37.75	33.74	358.15
5	Chhattisgarh	44.61	88.90	24.75	15.22	39.93	104.11
6	Delhi	12.92	0.50	9.84	16.46	9.91	16.96
7	Goa	6.81	0.37	4.09	0.38	5.09	0.75
8	Gujarat	21.54	75.35	10.14	26.88	16.63	102.23
9	Haryana	11.64	19.42	10.28	9.41	11.16	28.83
10	Himachal Pradesh	8.48	5.29	4.33	0.30	8.06	5.59
11	Jammu & Kashmir	11.54	10.73	7.20	2.53	10.35	13.27
12	Jharkhand	40.84	104.09	24.83	20.24	36.96	124.33
13	Karnataka	24.53	92.80	15.25	36.96	20.91	129.76
14	Kerala	9.14	15.48	4.97	8.46	7.05	23.95
15	Madhya Pradesh	35.74	190.95	21.00	43.10	31.65	234.06
16	Maharashtra	24.22	150.56	9.12	47.36	17.35	197.92
17	Manipur	38.80	7.45	32.59	2.78	36.89	10.22
18	Meghalaya	12.53	3.04	9.26	0.57	11.87	3.61
19	Mizoram	35.43	1.91	6.36	0.37	20.40	2.27
20	Nagaland	19.93	2.76	16.48	1.00	18.88	3.76
21	Odisha	35.69	126.14	17.29	12.39	32.59	138.53
22	Punjab	7.66	13.35	9.24	9.82	8.26	23.18
23	Rajasthan	16.05	84.19	10.69	18.73	14.71	102.92
24	Sikkim	9.85	0.45	3.66	0.06	8.19	0.51
25	Tamil Nadu	15.83	59.23	6.54	23.40	11.28	82.63
26	Tripura	16.53	4.49	7.42	0.75	14.05	5.24
27	Uttarakhand	11.62	8.25	10.48	3.35	11.26	11.60
28	Uttar Pradesh	30.40	479.35	26.06	118.84	29.43	598.19
29	West Bengal	22.52	141.14	14.66	43.83	19.98	184.98
30	Puducherry	17.06	0.69	6.30	0.55	9.69	1.24
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.57	0.04	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.04
32	Chandigarh	1.64	0.004	22.31	2.34	21.81	2.35
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	62.59	1.15	15.38	0.28	39.31	1.43
34	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	12.62	0.26	9.86	0.26
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	3.44	0.02	2.77	0.02
	<b>All India</b>	<b>25.70</b>	<b>2166.58</b>	<b>13.70</b>	<b>531.25</b>	<b>21.92</b>	<b>2697.83</b>

## Notes:

1. Population as on 1st March 2012 has been used for estimating number of persons below poverty line. (2011 Census population extrapolated)
2. Poverty line of Tamil Nadu has been used for Andaman and Nicobar Island.
3. Urban Poverty Line of Punjab has been used for both rural and urban areas of Chandigarh.
4. Poverty Line of Maharashtra has been used for Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
5. Poverty line of Goa has been used for Daman & Diu.
6. Poverty Line of Kerala has been used for Lakshadweep.

**Table 4: State -Wise Percentage of persons below poverty line of Social Groups, 2011-12**  
(Tendulkar Methodology)

		(Tendulkar Methodology)					(%)				
S. No.	States	RURAL					URBAN				
		ST	SC	OBC	Others	Total	ST	SC	OBC	Others	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	24.1	13.1	9.3	6.8	11.0	12.1	10.9	5.5	4.3	5.8
2	Assam	33.4	28.2	34.4	34.9	33.9	15.6	30.5	11.0	21.2	20.6
3	Bihar	59.3	51.7	31.3	23.3	34.1	10.3	43.0	32.9	17.8	31.2
4	Chhattisgarh	52.6	48.2	38.7	7.7	44.6	35.2	39.5	24.9	10.6	24.8
5	Gujarat	36.5	22.3	18.9	6.1	21.5	30.1	12.7	15.3	5.1	10.1
6	Haryana	3.3	23.6	13.4	3.3	11.6	14.2	25.9	12.9	4.9	10.3
7	Himachal Pradesh	9.5	16.5	2.3	7.0	8.5	4.0	9.9	9.9	1.7	4.3
8	Jammu & Kashmir	16.3	18.8	7.5	10.2	11.5	3.0	18.0	4.1	6.1	7.2
9	Jharkhand	51.6	40.4	36.4	31.3	40.8	28.7	40.6	28.2	12.5	24.8
10	Karnataka	30.8	37.1	20.7	21.6	24.5	33.7	25.0	15.0	8.8	15.3
11	Kerala	41.0	17.8	7.6	7.0	9.1	13.6	6.0	5.7	2.7	5.0
12	Madhya Pradesh	55.3	41.3	24.7	19.6	35.7	32.3	33.2	21.0	13.1	21.0
13	Maharashtra	61.6	23.8	18.2	16.5	24.2	23.3	15.8	8.7	6.0	9.1
14	Orissa	63.5	41.4	24.2	14.2	35.7	39.7	26.3	22.1	6.7	17.3
15	Punjab	0.0	14.7	3.6	1.1	7.7	7.2	18.3	14.0	3.8	9.2
16	Rajasthan	41.4	18.6	8.5	3.8	16.1	21.7	19.2	12.0	3.6	10.7
17	Tamil Nadu	36.8	23.3	12.9	1.0	15.8	2.8	9.3	6.3	1.8	6.5
18	Uttar Pradesh	27.0	41.1	30.7	12.5	30.4	16.3	39.1	32.1	12.8	26.1
19	Uttarakhand	11.9	15.6	14.4	9.0	11.6	25.7	9.3	19.1	6.4	10.5
20	West Bengal	50.1	22.6	19.0	20.0	22.5	44.5	15.7	15.7	13.3	14.7
	All India	45.3	31.5	22.6	15.5	25.7	24.1	21.7	15.4	8.1	13.7

**Legend: SC=Scheduled Castes; ST=Scheduled Tribes; OBC=Other Backward Castes**

NB: 1. The poverty ratios among the social groups are estimated from the percentage distribution of persons of the respective social groups as obtained from the large sample survey consumer expenditure data of the NSS and the poverty line for all population.

2. The poverty ratios are based on MRP (Mixed Recall Period) consumption distribution.

3. All India poverty ratio for the social groups is worked out from the respective NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line for all population.

4. The poverty ratio among Scheduled Tribes population at State level may be treated with caution due to small sample size of household based on which the class distribution of persons have been obtained. These States are: in rural areas, number of sample household is 9 in Haryana and 3 in Punjab . Similarly, in urban areas, number of sample households is 18 in Bihar 14 in Haryana, 18 in Himachal Pradesh 9 in Kerala and 17 in Punjab.