

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 782
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

BELOW POVERTY LINE HOUSEHOLDS

782 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise data of the families benefitted from Government schemes targeting Below Poverty Line (BPL) households and number of families uplifted since 2019;
- (b) the details of plans to enhance the employability of BPL family members through skill development programs;
- (c) whether there is consideration to revise the criteria for characterisation of BPL families, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is consideration by Government to develop single digital portal to consolidate and streamline access to benefits and welfare schemes targeted at BPL families, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) , (c), (d) & (e) In 2021, Government developed a comprehensive index known as Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to measure poverty that captures overlapping deprivations in dimensions such as health, education and standard of living, covering 12 indicators. The second edition of the index was released in 2023. As per the latest National MPI Report 2023, the proportion of population in multidimensional poverty declined from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019-21, indicating that about 135.5 million persons have escaped poverty during the period. The State/Union Territory-wise details of MPI are in public domain and can be accessed at <https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-08/India-National-Multidimensional-Poverty-Index-2023.pdf>

This significant reduction in poverty aligns with the Government's ongoing efforts to uplift Below Poverty Line (BPL) households through various welfare schemes and programs. These initiatives, implemented by different Ministries and Departments, aim to address the socio-economic needs of vulnerable groups. The relevant data on these schemes are available on the official websites of the respective Ministries and Departments, where each ministry oversees specific programs and provides detailed information through dedicated portals.

- (b) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Government delivers skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling training through an extensive network of skill development centres/institutes etc. under various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society including those from Below Poverty Line (BPL) category across the country.
