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(b) the steps taken by Government to bring per-capita income in the State at par with the National Level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As per the latest estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation, the per-capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) of Gujarat at 1993-94 prices is Rs. 12975 for the year 2000-01 as compared to the All India Net National Product (NNP) of Rs. 10306 for the same period.

### **BPL Population in Uttar Pradaah**

3684. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of people Below Poverty Line in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the definition of poverty line in comparision to the international definition;
- (c) whether Government have any package to reduce poverty; and
- (d) the number of people living Below Poverty Line, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest such survey was conducted by NSSO in its 55th Round (1999-2000). Based on the data of this Round, the percentage of population living below poverty line in Uttar Pradesh has been estimated as 31.15% in 1999-2000.

(b) The Planning Commission uses a poverty line based on per capita consumption expenditure as the criterion to determine the persons living below the poverty line. The per-capita consumption norms has been fixed at Rs. 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at 1973-74 prices at national level corresponding to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of per-capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 kcal in rural areas and 2100 kcal in urban areas. The states have different poverty lines, which are derived from the national level poverty lines, using state-specific price indices and inter-state price

differentials. The national poverty line at 1999-2000 prices is Rs. 327.56 per-capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 454.11 per-capita per month in urban areas. The poverty line for Uttar Pradesh is 336.88 per-capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 416.29 per capita per month in urban areas, at 1999-2000 prices.

There is no universally accepted definition of poverty line. However World Bank estimates percentage of persons living below a dollar a day at constant PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) for all the countries.

(c) There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce poverty in the country. These are: (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

(d) The state-wise estimates of number of persons living below poverty line in the country during 1999-2000, which is the latest available information in this regard is given in the enclosed Statement.

**Statement**

*Number of people living Below Poverty Line—1999-2000*

(Lakhs)

Sl.No.	State/U.T.s	No. of Poor
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	119.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.98
3.	Assam	94.55
4.	Bihar	425.64
5.	Goa	0.70
6.	Gujarat	67.89
7.	Haryana	17.34
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5.12

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1	2	3
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	3.46
10.	Karnataka	104.40
11.	Kerala	41.04
12.	Madhya Pradesh	298.54
13.	Maharashtra	227.99
14.	Manipur	7.19
15.	Meghalaya	8.23
16.	Mizoram	1.85
17.	Nagaland	5.49
18.	Orissa	169.09
19.	Punjab	14.49
20.	Rajasthan	81.83
21.	Sikkim	2.05
22.	Tamil Nadu	130.48
23.	Tripura	13.02
24.	Uttar Pradesh	529.89
25.	West Bengal	213.49
26.	A and N Island	0.82
27.	Chandigarh	0.51
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.33
29.	Daman and Diu	0.06
30.	Delhi	11.49
31.	Lakshadweep	0.11
32.	Pondicherry	2.41
All India		2602.50