

**Persons living below Poverty line**

3787. SHRI RAM PRASAD AHIR-  
WAR:

SHRI SURAJ BHAN:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-  
PAYEE:

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the poverty norms as laid down by the Planning Commission;

(b) what was the percentage of persons below poverty line at the beginning and end of each five year plan;

(c) has the survey work for this purpose not been done for the last three years; if so, reasons thereof; and

(d) when the next survey will take place?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) For identification of the poor, Planning Commission constituted "A Task Force on Projections of Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand" in 1977 which defined the poor as those whose per capita consumption expenditure was below the mid-point of the monthly per capita expenditure class having a per capita daily calorie intake of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The estimate of calorie intake is derived from food consumption pattern of the corresponding classes and the calorie content of the food items. This per capita consumption expenditure is then named as the poverty line. Calorie norms as chosen above are estimated after taking into consideration the age, sex and occupational differentials in the total population. The poverty line for these calorie norms as estimated from the per capita monthly expenditure and the estimated calorie content of food items from National Sample Survey data on consumer

expenditure of 1973-74 works out to be Rs. 49.09 and Rs. 56.64 per capita per month in rural and urban areas respectively in the year 1973-74. In 1979-80 prices these are Rs. 76 in rural areas and Rs. 88 in urban areas.

(b) No information regarding percentage of people below the poverty line at the beginning of the each Five Year Plan are available. However, the estimates at the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan are placed at 50.70 per cent in rural areas, 40.31 per cent in urban areas and 48.44 per cent at the aggregate (i.e. rural and urban combined).

(c) The last survey on household consumer expenditure was carried out in the year 1977-78 (July, 1977 to June, 1978) by National Sample Survey Organisation. This survey is not carried out regularly on annual basis.

(d) According to National Sample Survey Organisation, the next survey is scheduled to be carried out during 1983.

**Scheme for Integrated Development of Harijans and Tribals in M. P.**

3788. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted any schemes for the integrated development of the Harijans and Tribals in that State for the year 1982-83;

(b) if so, the cost and details thereof; and

(c) whether the same has been approved by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.