

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1718
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE SURVEY

1718. DR. MALLU RAVI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the findings of the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) for 2023-24, particularly the rise in Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) in both rural and urban areas;**
- (b) if so, the details of the percentage increase in MPCE in real terms for rural and urban households compared to the previous survey of 2011-12;**
- (c) whether the survey indicates a narrowing consumption gap between rural and urban populations and if so, the rural-to-urban MPCE ratio for the years 2011-12 and 2023-24;**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to sustain this positive trend and address structural disparities in consumption patterns across regions and income groups; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes any policy changes based on this data to better target subsidies or social welfare schemes and if so, the details thereof?**

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 [RAOINDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (c): The National Statistics Office (NSO) conducts survey on Household Consumption Expenditure at regular interval. The last survey on Household Consumption Expenditure was conducted during

August, 2023-July, 2024. Prior to this, the survey was conducted during August, 2022-July, 2023 and in NSS 68th round (July, 2011 – June, 2012). From the survey results of these surveys, the estimates of Average monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) at nominal and real price (2011-12 price) along with rural-urban gap in MPCE separately for rural and urban sectors have been given below in Table 1:

Table 1: Average Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) and % difference in MPCE across rural & urban sectors – All-India

Sector	Average MPCE (Rs.) at nominal price			Average MPCE (Rs.) at real price		
	2011-12	2022-23	2023-24	2011-12	2022-23	2023-24
Rural	1430	3773	4122	1430	2008	2079
Urban	2630	6459	6996	2630	3510	3632
Urban-rural difference in MPCE (%)	84	71	70	84	75	75

Source: NSS Report no. 592: Survey on Household Consumption Expenditure: 2023-24

To obtain values at real price, CPI for the year 2012 has been considered as base year. The MPCE estimates of 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been deflated using CPI(R) & CPI(U) for rural and urban sectors respectively to obtain the MPCE values at 2011-12 price.

(d) to (e): The surveys of MoSPI provide estimates of important indicators such as health, education, labour force, per capita expenditure, etc to meet the requirements of various stakeholder Ministries such as the Rural Development, Finance, Health & Family Welfare, Labour and Employment, Agriculture, NITI Aayog, etc. These Ministries have implemented various social welfare schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), etc.
