

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REPORT OF NIRD ON POVERTY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has given any report on the level of poverty in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NIRD has taken up any particular State for a deeper study; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b):- The NIRD have brought out the 'India Rural Development Report-1999', in which the State-wise percentage of population below poverty line (as per the modified Expert Group, set-up by the Planning Commission) has been provided. As per the 1993-94 estimates, 37.27 per cent of the population is below the poverty line.

(c) & (d) :- NIRD has not taken up any particular State for a study in the Report, and has covered all the States, as also regions within States, for analysing the poverty situation.