

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:238  
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BPL CENSUS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the BPL census has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of BPL families, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the time by which the census is likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the criteria to decide BPL families fixed by the Planning Commission in serving its purpose; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The State Governments have expressed some difficulties to complete the Census as Scheduled.
- (d) All the State Governments had been advised to complete the BPL Census by 31st July, 2003.
- (e) & (f) The criteria suggested by the Expert Group constituted by the Ministry on BPL Census are serving its purpose.