

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of guidelines for identifying the people living below poverty line in the metro cities and urban areas;
- (b) whether the Union Government has no relevant guidelines keeping in view the standard of living, cost of living and housing in important cities like Bangalore and Mumbai;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof and reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of representations received from the representatives of people and others in this regard;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to conduct a fresh survey in the country particularly Mumbai, Maharashtra and Bangalore, Karnataka; and
- (f) if so, the details of benefits of various social welfare schemes available to the people living below the poverty line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA)

(a): The identification of people living below the poverty line (BPL) in urban areas including metro cities is carried out by the State Governments on the basis of State specific urban poverty line made available by the Planning Commission. Under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), the urban poverty alleviation programme being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, identification of genuine beneficiaries from the urban BPL population is done through house to house survey on the basis of certain economic and non-economic criteria as prescribed in the Guidelines of the Scheme.

(b)to(d): The guidelines of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are applicable to all urban areas and there are no such separate guidelines for the metro/important cities. There is no such reference currently under consideration in the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation.

(e): Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has already requested the State/UT Governments to carry out fresh BPL survey for the urban areas on the basis of updated State specific poverty line for 2001-02 as made available by the Planning Commission.

(f): In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing the employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). The Scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of Wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets.