

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BELOW POVERTY LINE POPULATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have under estimated the below poverty line population in order to avail international loans from fundings agencies; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No such incidence of underestimation of the Below Poverty Line population by the State/UT Governments has been reported to the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation. The estimation of below poverty line population in urban areas is done by the Planning Commission on the basis of surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) and this estimated data is used for the allocation of Central funds to the States/UTs under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), the urban poverty alleviation scheme being implemented by this Ministry.