

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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FAMILIES BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

the total number of families living below poverty line in the country as on date, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

The Planning Commission estimates the incidence of poverty at national and state level from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest available data from such survey is from NSS 55th Round, which was conducted in 1999-2000. However, the Planning Commission estimates the total number of persons, not families, living below the poverty line in the country i.e. it estimates poverty on individual basis. The State-wise number of persons living below the poverty line using data from the above quinquennial round of National Sample survey Organization is given in the Annexure.

Annexure

Number of Persons Living Below Poverty Line in 1999-2000 (in lakhs)

S.No. States/U.T.'s Rural Urban Combined

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1.	Andhra Pradesh	58.13	60.88	119.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.80	0.18	3.98
3.	Assam	92.17	2.38	94.55
4.	Bihar	376.51	49.13	425.64
5.	Goa	0.11	0.59	0.70
6.	Gujarat	39.80	28.09	67.89
7.	Haryana	11.94	5.39	17.34
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4.84	0.29	5.12
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2.97	0.49	3.46
10.	Karnataka	59.91	44.49	104.40
11.	Kerala	20.97	20.07	41.04
12.	Madhya Pradesh	217.32	81.22	298.54
13.	Maharashtra	125.12	102.87	227.99
14.	Manipur	6.53	0.66	7.19
15.	Meghalaya	7.89	0.34	8.23
16.	Mizoram	1.40	0.45	1.85
17.	Nagaland	5.21	0.28	5.49
18.	Orissa	143.69	25.40	169.09
19.	Punjab	10.20	4.29	14.49
20.	Rajasthan	55.06	26.78	81.83
21.	Sikkim	2.00	0.04	2.05
22.	Tamil Nadu	80.51	49.97	130.48
23.	Tripura	12.53	0.49	13.02
24.	Uttar Pradesh	412.01	117.88	529.89
25.	West Bengal	180.11	33.38	213.49
26.	A & N Island	0.58	0.24	0.82
27.	Chandigarh	0.06	0.45	0.51
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.30	0.03	0.33
29.	Daman & Diu	0.01	0.05	0.06
30.	Delhi	0.07	11.42	11.49
31.	Lakshadweep	0.03	0.08	0.11
32.	Pondicherry	0.64	1.77	2.41
	All India	1932.43	670.07	2602.50