

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC DISPARITY BETWEEN CITIES AND VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that one person out of every three does not get adequate meal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the income of people living in rural areas is continuously declining and there is wide economic disparity between cities and villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): On the basis of the data of 55th Round (1999-2000) large sample survey conducted by NSSO, the number of people not having two square meals a day throughout the year was 3.3% in rural areas and 0.9% in urban areas at national level based on responses to questions on food sufficiency. The state-wise information on per thousand distribution of households by food availability status during the year 1999-2000 is given in the Tables I and II at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation estimates per capita income measured in terms of Net Domestic Product (NDP) separately for rural and urban areas at current prices only for the base years of National Accounts Series. CSO has recently revised the base year of National Accounts Series to 1999-2000 for which the provisional estimates are available. The annual per capita incomes in rural and urban areas for 1980-81, 1993-94 and 1999- 2000 are given in the table below:

Table
The Annual Per Capita Income (in Rs.)

1980-81 1993-94 1999-2000

Rural	1245	5783	11036
Urban	2888	13525	29057
Ratio (Urban/Rural)	2.32	2.34	2.63

(e): The government has given priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty and accelerating the growth rate of the economy with stable prices.

Annexure-I

Table - 1

Per 1000 distribution of households by food availability
Status - 1999-2000 Rural
no. per 1000 households

only some No month
S.No. States/Groups of throughout months of of the

States (for Uts) The year the year Year
 1 2 3 4

1	Andhra Pradesh	978	17	2
2	Assam	922	31	40
3	Bihar	932	47	13
4	Gujarat	994	4	1
5	Haryana	983	14	1
6	Jammu & Kashmir	994	3	0
7	Karnataka	989	9	0
8	Kerala	969	23	6
9	Madhya Pradesh	963	30	1
10	Maharashtra	977	17	2
11	Orissa	916	65	15
12	Punjab	990	2	0
13	Rajasthan	997	1	1
14	Tamil Nadu	987	4	3
15	Uttar Pradesh	974	14	7
16	West Bengal	885	81	23
17	All India	962	26	7

Table - 2

Per 1000 distribution of households by food availability
 Status - 1999-2000 Urban
 no. per 1000 households

only some no month

S.No. States/Groups of throughout months of of the
 States (for Uts) The year the year Year
 1 2 3 4

1	Andhra Pradesh	990	7	1
2	Assam	983	6	9
3	Bihar	961	20	11
4	Gujarat	991	2	7
5	Haryana	992	7	1
6	Jammu & Kashmir	999	0	0
7	Karnataka	994	1	1
8	Kerala	983	15	2
9	Madhya Pradesh	982	11	1
10	Maharashtra	993	4	2
11	Orissa	968	9	16
12	Punjab	997	1	0
13	Rajasthan	998	2	0
14	Tamil Nadu	988	5	1
15	Uttar Pradesh	987	7	3
16	West Bengal	967	11	9
17	Delhi	996	0	1
18	All India	986	6	3