

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

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POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any change in the target fixed for achievement during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to eradicate poverty prevailing in cities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government machinery is also being sensitized for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The Target fixed for achievement during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for eradication of poverty viz reducing the headcount ratio of consumption poverty by 10 percentage points has not been changed.

(c)&(d): With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), is already being implemented by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The programme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.