

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2004
STATE OF INDIAN ECONOMY IN 2020
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the Planning Commission, Indian economy would be among one of the four major economies of the World by the year 2020;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether despite such economic development, 13 per cent of Indian population would be living below poverty line at that time;
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard; and
- (e) the reasons for persisting poverty in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 REGARDING STATE OF INDIAN ECONOMY IN 2020 BY SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2004

(a) & (b): The Report of the Committee on `India Vision-2020` brought out by the Planning Commission in 2002 projects India to have the 4th highest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) among 207 countries in 2020 if the country grows at 8.5 to 9 per cent annually for the next twenty years.

(c) & (d): According to the Tenth Five Year Plan, the proportion of people living below the poverty line is expected to decline to 11 percent by the year 2011-12, if the Plan targets are realised. However, the Tenth Plan targets are proposed to be reviewed in the Mid-Term Appraisal to the Tenth Five Year Plan in light of the performance in the first two years of the Plan.

(e): Based on the last large sample survey rounds on household consumer expenditure conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (55th Round), the percentage of population living below poverty line in the country is estimated at 26.1 per cent in 1999-2000. The persistence of poverty in the country arises because of certain areas of the country and certain groups of people are not able to take full advantage of the growth process.