

Committee for identification of BPL families

1934. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

- (a) whether Government has constituted any committee to identify the families of Below Poverty Line (BPL) in urban area across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of BPL families identified and its criteria adopted for selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor S.R. Hashim to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of families living Below Poverty Line in the urban areas. The Hashim Committee submitted its final report on 24th December, 2012. In its report, the Expert Group recommended three stage identification process to identify the families living Below Poverty Line in the urban areas which include automatic exclusion, automatic inclusion, and scoring index of the remaining urban families in this order. The methodology recommended mainly emphasizes on capturing residential, social and occupational vulnerabilities.

(e) In order to capture information on various vulnerabilities to identify the BPL families, a Socio-Economic and Caste Census has been launched on 29th June, 2011 in the country. Socio-Economic and Caste Census, 2011 (SECC-2011) consist of Census in rural areas for identification of BPL households in rural areas, Census in urban areas in connection with identification of BPL households in urban areas and Caste Census throughout the country.

Observation of NDC on Twelfth Plan

1935. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

- (a) whether the draft Twelfth Five Year Plan document has been prepared by Government;