

4.38 Finalization of Below Poverty Line Survey List - Fixing of cut-off marks at 17

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (CGS-II) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.150

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Read :

1. From the Economic Advisor, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development (Monitoring Division) Lr.No.Q.16025/4/2002-AI(RD)dated 13.9.2002
2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, D.O.Lr.No. 23094/02/SGSY.II.1, dated 31.10.2003 and 30.8.2006

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The Government of India in the letter read above had communicated the recommendations and the schedule of canvassing information containing 13 cardinal indicators for which scores are assigned on a relative scale. The State Government / Union Territory Administrations were given the flexibility to decide the cut off scores for identifying and sub categorization of household into various groups.

2. In pursuance of instructions of Government of India as endorsed by the State Government (in Rural Development Department) the Director of Rural Development had taken up the Socio Economic Survey 2002 for the Tenth plan period in all Districts and compiled the data. The Survey held prior to 1999 was (carried out during 1991) based on "Income Criteria" with "Exclusion Criteria" approach (i.e. if the income of the family was above a specified limit they would be excluded from Below Poverty Line List) whereas, a modified criteria, Viz Expenditure criteria approach had been followed in 1999 survey. The result of the survey was, out of the total 93,88,188 families taken up for assessment 27,37,921 families were identified as Below Poverty Line Families. The percentage is 29.16

3. The Socio Economic Survey conducted during 2002 was based on 13 Socio economic indicators (enlisted by Government of India) indicating the quality of life and by Score based ranking for all households. Each of the indicators have "0" to "4" marks. Thus for 13 indicators, the tentative marks obtained by the families are from 0-52 for all the Districts.

4. The Government of India during March 2004 had informed that according to the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No.196/2001 filed by People's Union of Civil Liberties, the result of Below Poverty Line census 2002 need not be finalized. Later in October, 2005 the Government of India informed that based on the advice given by the Additional Solicitor General, it has been decided to finalise the results of Below Poverty Line Census, 2002 without deleting the Below Poverty Line families already existing in the Below Poverty Line list of Below Poverty Line Census 1997 and to follow the following procedure for finalisation of Below Poverty Line list.

- a) Preparation of Below Poverty Line list
- b) Approval in Grama Sabha
- c) Appeal to Block Development officer and collector.
- d) Display of Final List

5. The Government of India has further informed that the Below Poverty Line list for 2002 can be finalized as per original guidelines.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has now stated that in the Below Poverty Line survey done in 1991 out of 84.33 lakh Rural families 34.46 lakh families were identified as Below Poverty Line families. In the Below Poverty Line survey done in the year 1999 out of 93.88 lakh rural families 27.37 lakh families were identified as Below Poverty Line families. He has

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stated that if the cut off mark is fixed as 16 the total number of families would be 25.48 lakhs families against the total families of 86.65 lakhs which is lesser than the number of families indicated by Government of India viz. 26.77 lakh families. If the cut off mark is fixed as 17 marks, then the total the number of Below Poverty line families would be 30.51 lakhs. This is marginally above the number of families indicated by Government of India. i.e. 26.77 lakhs families. He has therefore recommended that the cut off marks to arrive at the number of Below Poverty Line families may be fixed at 17 so that no Below Poverty Line family gets left out of the list and requested orders of Government in this regard.

7. The Government after detailed examination has decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and accordingly order to fix the cut off mark as 17 for identification of a family as Below Poverty Line family.

8. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is requested to take necessary further action for finalization of Below Poverty Line List for rural areas of this state as per the procedure laid down by Government of India.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Finance Departments vide their U. O. No.239/ Secretary/ 2006 dated 4.9.2006 U. O. No.3444/FS/P/2006 dated 8.9.2006 respectively.

(By order of the Governor)

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