

Economics (2023)

Poverty measurement $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{absolute / extreme poverty} \\ \text{relative} \end{array} \right.$

Extreme poverty : represents the lack of sufficient resources to secure basic life necessities, such as safe drinking water, food or sanitation.

World Bank defines extreme poverty: People earning less than $\boxed{\$1.9}$ on purchasing power parity

Relative poverty : worse income and resource status of a person or a household than what is thought to be adequate or socially acceptable in the society in which they live.

Poverty Estimation Approaches

Well-being Approach (given by Erik Allard) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Having material} \\ \text{Loving} \\ \text{Being spiritual/emotional} \end{array} \right.$

Capabilities Approach (given by Amartya Sen) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Economic capabilities} \\ \text{Human capabilities} \\ \text{Political capabilities} \\ \text{Socio-cultural capabilities} \\ \text{Security capabilities} \end{array} \right.$

Poverty Estimation in India

Tendulkar Committee, 2009 : ~~Not~~ Based on Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) \rightarrow Based on NSSO data.

\rightarrow 21.9% of total population was below poverty line in 2011-12

Rangarajan Committee, 2014: Based on independent large survey of households by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy.

* 29.5% of total pop below poverty line

NITI Aayog: National MPI Baseline Report.

(UNDP + Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative).

* 12 indicator (10 of MPI & antenatal care & bank account)

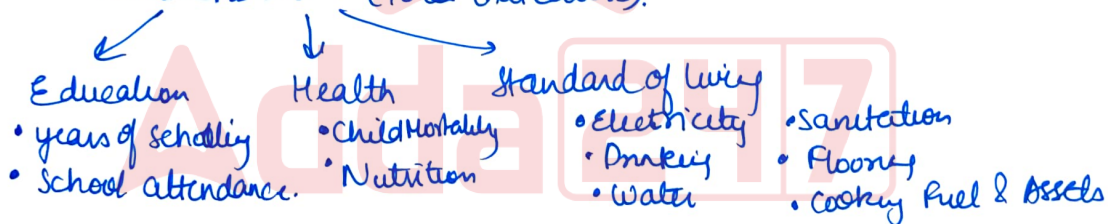
* 25.01% Indian Population: multidimensional Poor.

Alagh committee, Lakdwala Committee (Related to poverty estimates)

Indexes

① Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

- launched: 2010
- UNDP + Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative.
- 3 dimensions (10 indicators).



② Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index.

- by Oxfam International & Development Finance.
- India Rank 123.
- It looks at govt policies & actions in 161 countries to fight inequality during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Data Collection Method

- ① Uniform Reference Period: involves asking people about their consumption expenditures across the period of over 30 days.
- ② Mixed Reference Period: measured consumption of few low frequency items over a period of 30 days.