

EXERCISE

3. Describe the poverty trends in India since 1973.

Ans The trends in poverty since 1973 are

i) There is substantial decline in poverty ratio from 55% in 1973 to 44.3% in 1993 and 21.9% in 2011-12.

ii) Rural poverty has declined sharply from 56% in 1973 to 25.7% in 2011-12 and the number from 261 million to 216.5 million.

iii) The latest estimates indicate a significant reduction in the total urban and rural number of poor to be about 269.3 million, down from 321 million in 1973.

6. Give an account of inter-state disparities of poverty in India.

Ans \* The success rate of poverty reduction varies from state to state. Poverty is still a serious problem in some of the states such as Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, etc.

\* There is a significant decline of poverty in Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir.

- \* Bihar and Odisha continue to be the two poorest states with poverty ratio of 33.7% and 32.6%.
- \* Punjab has reduced its poverty rate by the high agricultural growth rate.