

④ Discuss the major reasons for poverty in India.  
The major reasons for poverty in India are:-

- The low level of economic development under British colonial rule. The policies of the colonial govt. ruined traditional handicrafts and discouraged the development of industries like textiles.
- The spread of the Green Revolution created many job opportunities for the people of the country, yet they were not sufficient in comparison to the no. of job seekers.
- Unequal distribution of land and resources is another important factor for poverty in India.
- In order to fulfil social obligations and religious ceremonies the poor end up spending a lot which results in poverty.

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Describe current govt. strategy of poverty ~~eradic~~ <sup>alleviation</sup> removal of poverty has one of the major objectives of Indian developmental strategy. The current govt. strategy of poverty alleviation is based on two pillars:

- Promotion of Growth & Economic Growth
- Targeted Anti-poverty programmes.

Some of the anti-poverty programmes undertaken by govt. are:-

• Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY):

Started in 1993, this programme aims to create self-employment opportunities for educated unemployed youth in rural areas and small towns.

- Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)  
Launched in 2000, this aims to create & improve basic services like primary health, primary education, rural shelter, rural drinking water and rural electrification.

- National Food for Work Programme (NFWP):  
Launched in 2004 in 150 most backward districts of the country, this programme is open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment & engaged to do manual unskilled work.

- National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA):  
This act was passed in Sep 2005. The act provided 100 days assured employment every year to every rural households in 200 districts. Later, the scheme will be extended to 600 districts and also one third of the proposed jobs would be reserved for women.

~~Answer the following questions briefly.~~

Q. What do you understand by human poverty?  
Human poverty is a term that means that poverty in India is not just limited to the economic status of the people but rather spreads in various other aspects which include lack of education, negligence of health care system, discrimination & disparity.