

Q) Describe poverty trends in India since 1973.

Ans. There is a substantial decline in poverty ratios in India from about 55 per cent in 1973 to 36 per cent in 1993. The proportion of people below poverty line further came down to about 26 per cent in 2000. If the trend continues, people below poverty line further came down to less than 20 per cent in the next few years. The below

chart shows the poverty trends in India since 1973:

Year	Poverty Ratio (%)			Number of poor (in millions)		
	Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
1973-74	56.5	49.0	57.9	261	60	321
1993-94	37.3	32.4	36.0	244	76	320
1999-2000	27.1	23.6	26.1	193	67	260

Q) Give an account of interstate disparities of poverty in India.

P. Interstate disparities of poverty can be noticed in India. It means the proportion of poor people is not the same in every state. Recent estimates show that in 20 states and union territories, the poverty ratio is less than national average.

pp. On the other hand, poverty is still a serious problem in states like Odisha, Bihar, Assam, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

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(iii) In comparison, there has been a significant decline in poverty in Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and West Bengal.