

3) Describe poverty trends in India since 1973?

The Economic Survey of 2017-18 shows that although poverty has declined in the country, the number of poor still remains very high. The poverty ratio of 1993-90 for both rural & urban areas together was at 45% & the ratio for the year 2011-12 has declined down to 22%. However, the topic of concern still remains that there has not been any massive decline in the number of poor living in the country. From 404 million poor population in both rural and urban areas together in 1993-94, the poor population till 2011-12 remains to be 270 million for both rural & urban areas. The survey clearly tells that the concerned authorities must take some serious steps in order to make India a country free of poverty.

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6) Give an account of interstate disparities of Poverty in India.

Poverty in India differs from different States. The success rate of reducing poverty varies from State to State, causing interstate disparities in poverty level. Orissa, Bihar and MP are the three poorest States in India with their people living below poverty line being 47%, 42% & 32% respectively. Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh are the three better off States in India as less poverty is concerned. There are various factors responsible for these interstate disparities of poverty in India.