

Homework

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As per the data, there's a substantial decline in poverty ratios in India from 45% in 1993-94 to 22% in 2004-05. There was a further decline to 19% in 2011-12. Although the no. of poor people declined from 1975 to 1993, there was a significant reduction in the no. of the poor (about 407 million) in 2004-05 & a further 270 million in 2011-12 with an average annual decline of 2.2%. It may also be noted that poverty ratios always remained higher in rural areas as compared to urban areas. If the present trend continues, the people below the poverty

line may come down to less than 20% in the next few years.

- ⑥ Poverty in India differs from different states. The success rate of reducing poverty varies from state to state, causing inter-state disparities in poverty level. Orissa, Bihar, & Madhya Pradesh are the 3 poorest states in India with their people living below the poverty line being 47, 42 & 37%, respectively. Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh are the 3 better-off states in India as far as poverty is concerned. There are various factors that are responsible for these inter-state disparities of poverty in India.