

# Home Assignment Exercise.

- a) Describe poverty trends in India since 1973-2.
- > As per the data, there has been a substantial decline in poverty ratios in India from 45.9% in 1993-94 to 37.2% in 2004-05.
  - > There was a further decline to 22% in 2011-12.
  - > Although the no. of poor ~~about~~ <sup>407</sup> million people declined from 1973 to 1993, there was a significant reduction in the no. of the poor (about 407 million) in 2004-2005 & 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.

b) 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 inter-state disparities in poverty level.

> Bihar & ~~Andhra~~ Odisha, are the two poorest states in India with poverty rates 33.7 & 32.6 per cent respectively.

> Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Kerala are the three better-off states in India as far as the poverty is concerned.

> These are several circumstances that are accountable for these interstate disparities of poverty in India.