

4. Describe poverty trends in India since 1973.

Ans- The economic Survey of 2017-18 shows that although poverty has declined in the country, the number of poor still remains to be very high. The poverty ratio of 1993-94 for both rural and urban areas together was at 45% and the ratio for the year 2011-12 has declined down to 22%. However, the topic of concern still remains there has not been any massive decline in the no. 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 and Urban areas. ~~together~~. The survey clearly tells that the concerned authorities must take some serious steps in order to make India free of poverty.

5. Give an account of interstate disparities of poverty in India.

Ans - Poverty in India differs for different states. The success rate of reducing poverty varies from state-to-state causing inter-state disparities in poverty level. Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh are the three poorest states in India with people living below the poverty line being 47, 42 and 37 per cent as far as poverty is concerned. There ~~are~~ are various factors that are responsible for these interstate disparities of poverty in India.