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# CLASS – 9

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

### Economics

### CH–3 : Poverty as a Challenge

Part – 1

Poverty and Poverty Line

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# OVERVIEW

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1. Introduction to Poverty
2. Poverty Line
3. Vulnerable Groups
4. Global Poverty Scenario
5. Causes of Poverty
6. Anti-Poverty Measures
7. Future challenges of Poverty


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Minimal or no earnings.
Hunger
Lack of Shelter
Limited Access to Education
Limited Access to Healthcare
Limited Access to Clean Water & Sanitation
Creates helplessness
Lack of Jobs opportunities
POVERTY

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## Issues related to Poverty

- Landlessness
- Unemployment
- Poor sanitaion
- Illiteracy
- Poor health
- Child labour
- Hunger
- Social Exclusion

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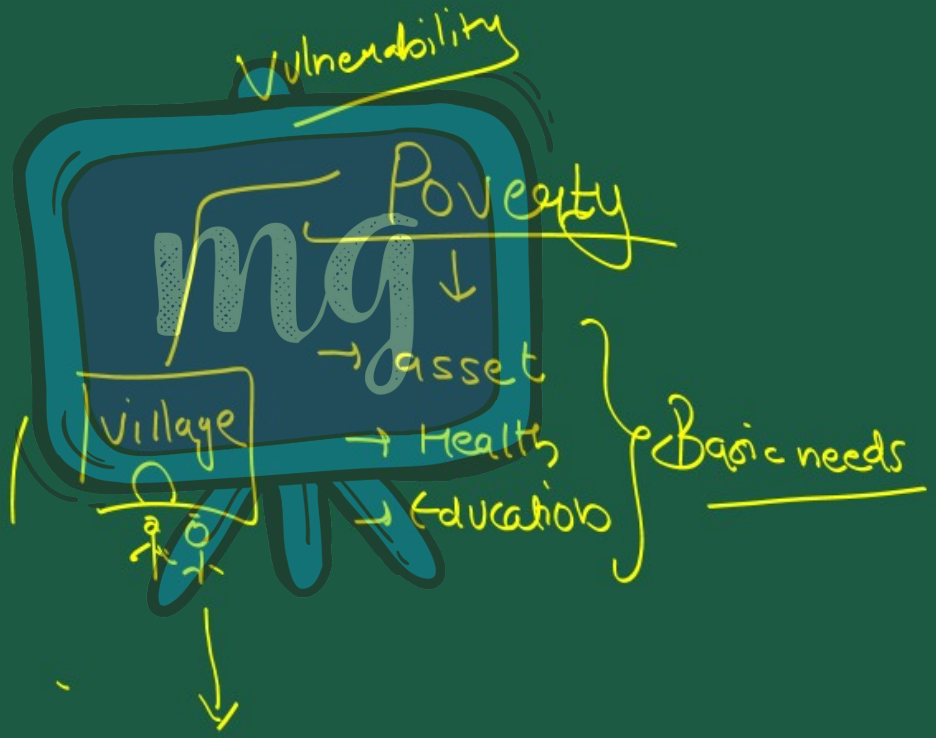

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# VULNERABILITY

- The probability of certain communities or individuals becoming or remaining Poor.
- Determined by availability of-
  - Assets
  - Education
  - Health
  - Job Opportunities

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- Several groups are more vulnerable to Poverty.



Backward Castes



Widows



Physically Challenged People

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☛ Groups faces higher risks during-

Natural Disasters
Earthquakes, Tsunamis etc.

Terrorism Incidents



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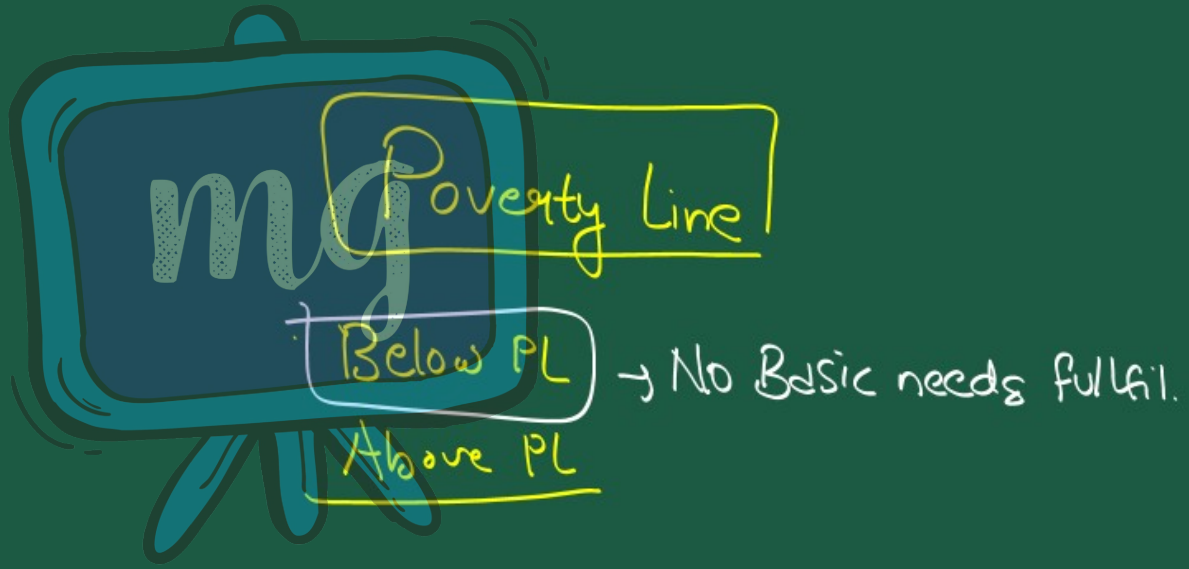

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# POVERTY LINE



- To measure the intensity of Poverty, we use Poverty Line.
- Poverty Line varies with Time and Place.
- If a person is unable to satisfy his/her basic needs, then he or she is considered as Poor.

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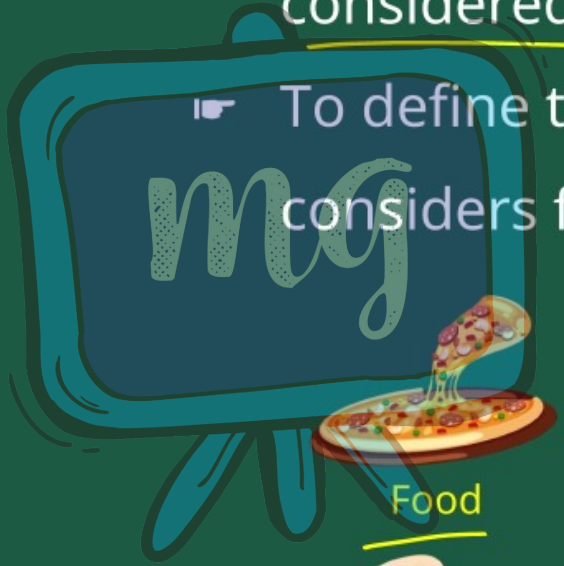
- For each Country, Poverty Line is considered different.
- To define the Poverty Line, India considers factors like: -



Food



Fuel & Light



Healthcare



Clothing

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# POVERTY LINE (2011-12)





**Rural Area**

Rs. 816 Per Month Per Person

**Urban Area**

Rs. 1000 Per Month Per Person

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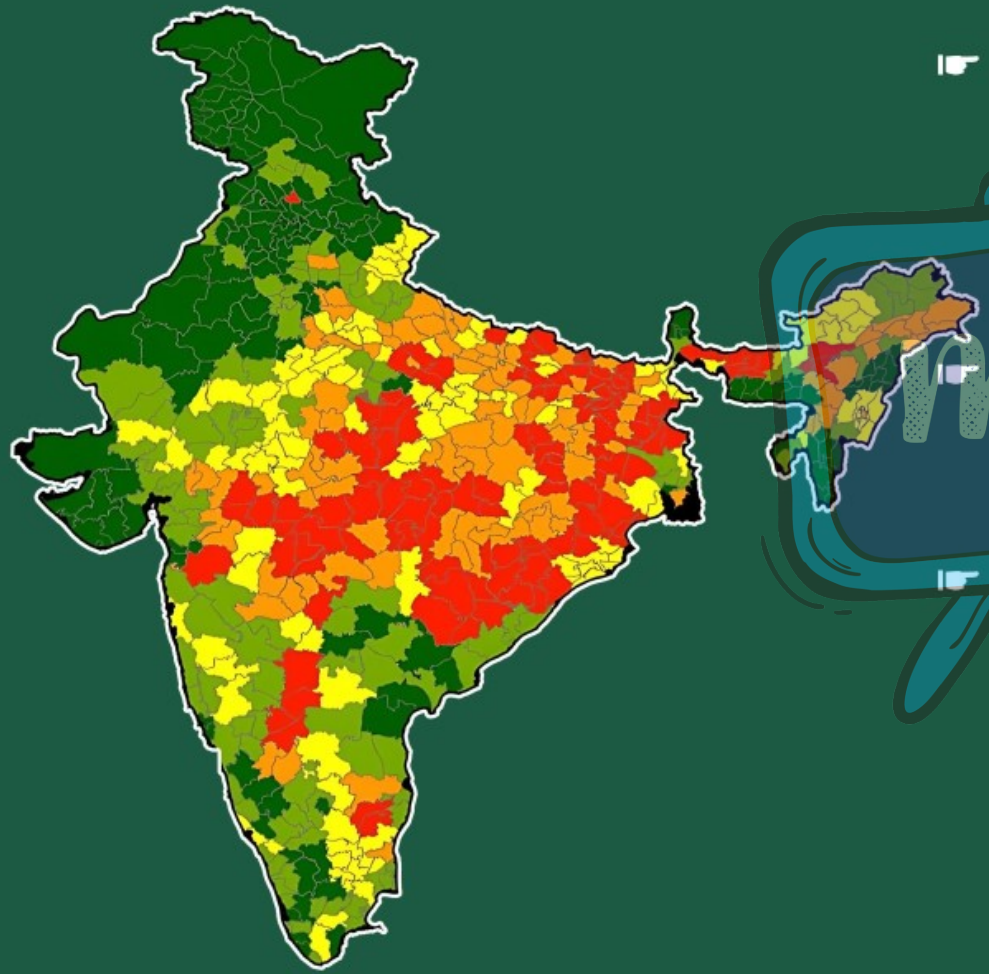

- Data is measured in terms of the population above poverty line and below poverty line.
- People below poverty line are considered to be very poor.
- People above poverty line are considered either poor or rich.

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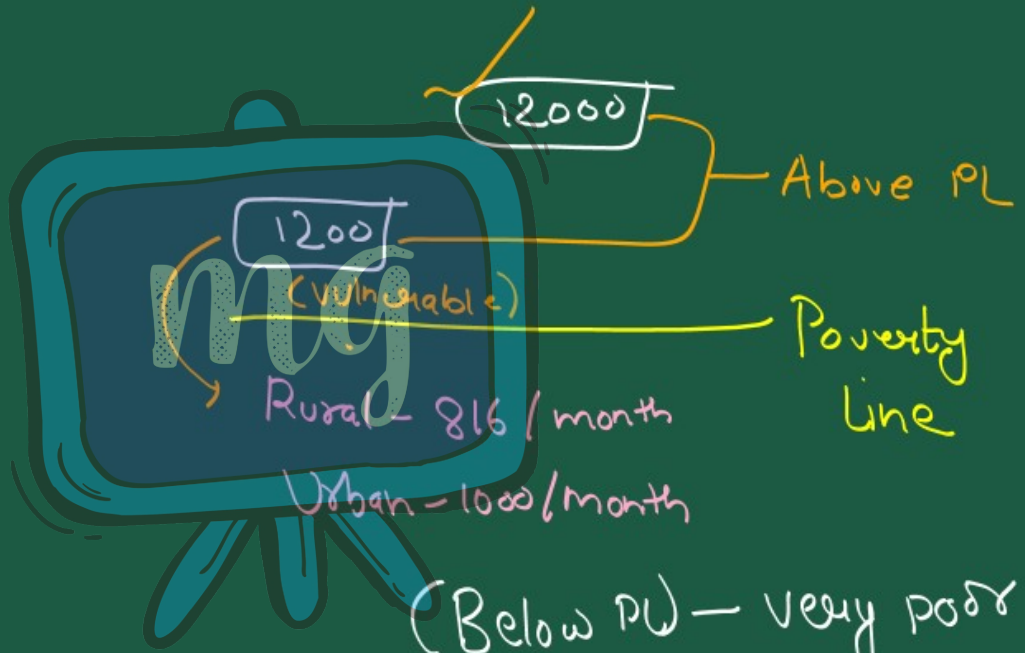

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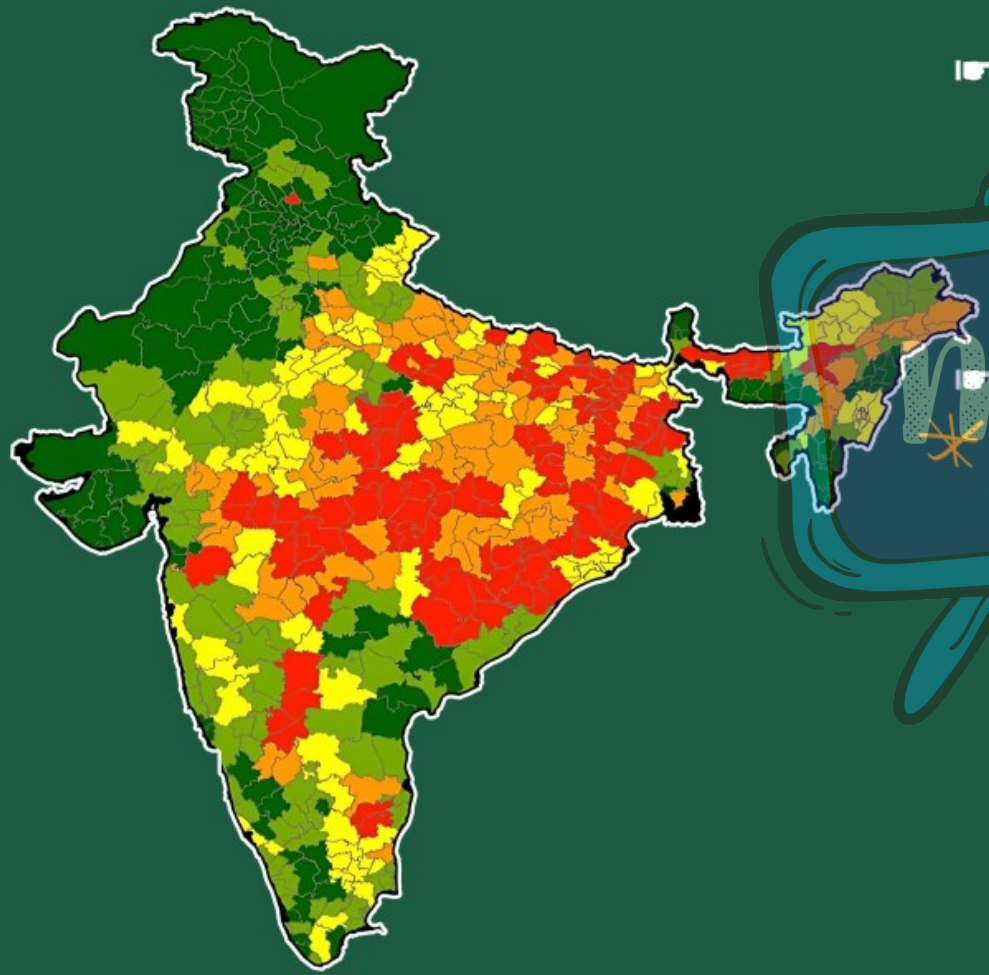

- Poverty Line is revised periodically based on rising prices of food and other things.
- In India, poverty is measured through the calorie intake.

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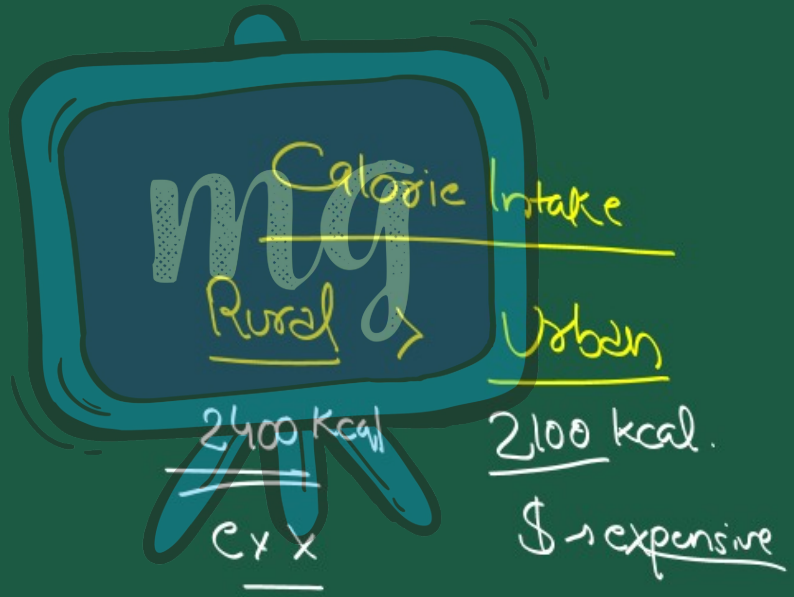

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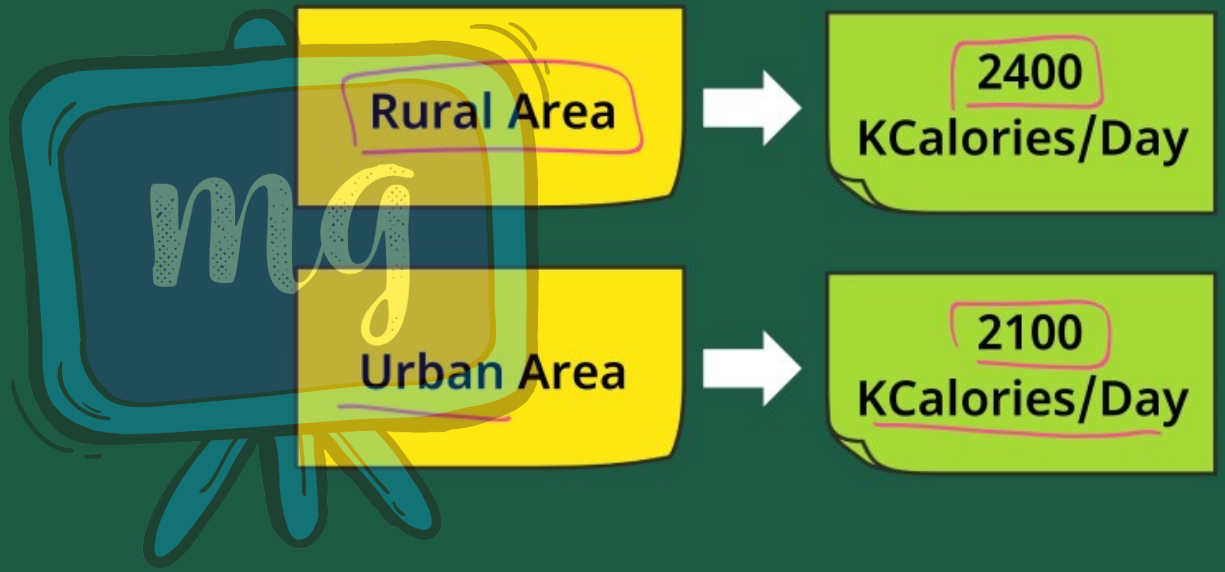
☛ The Average Calorie requirement



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- Despite lower calorie requirement, urban areas has higher poverty line.

**Reason**

Higher prices of essential products in urban centers.

- Rural areas require more calorie intake than urban areas due to physical work like farming and agriculture.

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## National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)

The NSSO is responsible for doing surveys to determine the standard of the Poverty Line in India.

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- The Poverty Line is estimated periodically (normally every 5 years) by conducting sample surveys.



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## ESTIMATES OF POVERTY IN INDIA (Tendulkar Methodology)

| | Poverty Ratio (%) | | | Number of Poor (in Millions) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Rural | Urban | Total | Rural | Urban | Combined |
| 1993-94 | 50 | 32 | 45 | 329 | 75 | 404 |
| 2004-05 | 42 | 26 | 37 | 326 | 81 | 407 |
| 2009-10 | 34 | 21 | 30 | 278 | 76 | 355 |
| 2011–12 | 26 | 14 | 22 | 217 | 53 | 270 |

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# LEARNING OUTCOME

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1. Introduction to Poverty
2. Vulnerability
3. Poverty Line and estimation of Poverty Line in India

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# ASSESSMENT

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1 Which of the following is not the issue of poverty?

A) Hunger

B) Poor Health and Sanitation

C) Social Exclusion

D) Social Development

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2 What is the average daily calorie requirement for a person in a rural area in India?

A 2100 Calories

B 2200 Calories

C 2400 Calories

D 2500 Calories

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3 What is the average daily calorie requirement for a person in a urban area in India?

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