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Economics

Poverty as Challenge

Question 1.

What is poverty? What are the dimensions of poverty?

Answer:

Poverty is a situation in which a person is unable to get the minimum necessities of life.

Due to poverty poor people are in a situation in which they are ill-treated at almost every place.

The dimensions of poverty are :

- Poverty means hunger and lack of shelter.
- It is a situation in which parents are not able to send their children to school or a situation where sick people cannot afford treatment.
- Poverty also means lack of clean water and sanitation facilities.
- It also means lack of a regular job at a minimum decent level. :
- Poor people are in a situation in which they are ill-treated at almost every place, in farms, factories, government offices, hospitals, railway stations etc.

Question 2.

Discuss the various groups that are vulnerable to poverty.

Answer:

The following groups are vulnerable to poverty :

- **Social Groups:** Social groups, which are most vulnerable to poverty are Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe households. Although, the average for people below poverty line for all groups in India is 22, 43 out of 100 people belonging to Scheduled Tribes are not able to meet their basic needs.
- **Economic Groups:** Among the economic groups, the most vulnerable groups are the rural agricultural labour households and the urban casual labour households.
- **Inequality of incomes within a family:** There is also inequality of incomes within a family. In poor families, all suffer, but some suffer more than others. In some cases, women, elderly people and female infants are denied equal access to resources available to the family.

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