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Dear Dr. Joshi ji,

Kindly recall our discussion on re-validation of BPL 2002 and early finalization of methodology for conducting BPL Census 2009.

I have strong reservation about 13-point socio-economic indicators and the "voluntary disclosure" approach as the basis for BPL identification. The rural households with 2-pairs of cloth or toilet or without institutional loans are less poor and may lose whatever little social assistance they are receiving from Government. It is unfair to treat a person who has no access to Bank loan in these areas as one above the poverty line.

Orissa has already submitted its considered views on the recommendations of Expert Committee headed by Shri N.C. Saxena. We should rather design the survey formats and methodology for fail-proof and foolproof system of this survey and be more practical in estimating poverty. The new estimation of BPL 2009 will be more beneficial to the rural poor in Orissa. If Government of India takes early decision to go for detailed survey for BPL 2009, it would not be necessary to finalize BPL 2002 which is a time and resource consuming exercise. We may use the existing list for the purpose of Indira Awas Yojana, Old Age Pensions and other schemes till BPL 2009 is finalized.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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