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3) Describe the poverty trends in India since 1973 ?

Ans) The trends in poverty since 1973 are

- i) There is substantial decline in poverty rates from 55% in 1973 to 44.3% in 1993 and 21.9% in 2011-12.
- ii) Rural poverty had declined sharply from 56% in 1973 to 25.7% in 2011-12 and the number from 261 million, down from 321 million to 216.5 million.
- iii) The latest estimates indicated a significant reduction in the total urban and rural number of poor to be about 269.3 million, down from 321 million in 1973.

4) Give an account of inter-state disparities of poverty in India.

Ans) Proportion of poor people is not same in every state in India. There is huge disparity among states regarding incidence of poverty.

The following facts disclose about the inter state disparity of poverty in India:

- i) The success rate of poverty reduction varies from state to state. Poverty is still a serious ~~problem~~ problem in some of the states Odisha, Bihar, Uttarpradesh etc.
- ii) In 20 states and Union Territories, the poverty ratio is less than the national average. There is significant decline of poverty in Kerala and Jammu Kashmir.
- iii) Bihar and Odisha continued to be the two poorest states with poverty ratio of 33.7% and 32.6% respectively. Illiteracy, social backwardness etc are the causes.
- iv) Jammu Kashmir and Punjab have the lowest poverty ratio of 3.5% and 6% respectively. This is because of growth of tourism industry and high agricultural growth respectively in these states.