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Q9

**"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS I · 12 marks · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

**Core demand of the question**

- "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples
- Treat poverty as a process of exclusion from assets, work, health, and voice, not only as a low income line
- Keep the explanation within a 12.5-mark length

**Revision summary**

Poverty lasts because exclusion from land, papers, health, and voice repeats every year.

Rural landless, displaced Adivasis, and undocumented slum tenants show the process in concrete lives.

Gendered care work passes deprivation to the next generation.

MGNREGA, NFSA, FRA, RTE, and SHGs try to break links of that chain.

Income support without rights leaves the process standing.

**Flow diagram**

Deprivation process -> No land papers wage  
Deprivation process -> Hunger illness no school  
No land papers wage -> Persistent poverty  
Hunger illness no school -> Persistent poverty  
Rights assets voice -> Liberation from trap

**Conclusion**

- **Substantiate with a chain:** asset, wage, nutrition, school, papers, voice-and name one rural and one urban example.
- Stress that charity or a one-time subsidy does not end poverty if the process of exclusion stays intact.

Eradicating poverty means stopping the machine of deprivation, not only topping up income for a season. Land, work rights, food, school, identity papers, and panchayat voice are the

locks to open, as Indian programmes show when they are actually delivered.

## Facts & figures

### **Multidimensional poverty**

Measure that counts health, education, and living standards, not only a consumption rupee line.

### **MGNREGA, 2005**

Rural employment guarantee meant to give a legal wage floor and village assets.

### **National Food Security Act, 2013**

Legal entitlement to subsidised grain that aims to cut the hunger part of deprivation.

### **Forest Rights Act, 2006**

Law to recognise forest dwellers' land and community rights so displacement is not automatic destitution.

### **SHG-bank linkage**

Group credit model that can weaken moneylender dependence, especially for rural women, when groups are genuine.

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