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TITLE: The BPL Census and a Possible Alternative

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Abstract:

The method for selecting BPL households for the PDS is being currently debated. This paper takes a critical look at the options available, including the recommendations of the recently submitted Saxena Committee report. The central weakness of the report is that the implications of recommendations have not been studied (either through field-testing or using available secondary data). Using data from NSS 61 and NFHS 3, this paper demonstrates the pitfalls of selection methods used in the past, presents some alternatives that are available as well as the problems with these alternatives.

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