

Dear Prof. Snower,

Below I provide my report on discussion paper "Regional Estimates of Multidimensional Poverty in India"

For country like India lower level estimates of various indicators aid in planning and implementing public policies as segregated estimates reveal concealed variations and provide director for recourse allocation/ prioritization. This paper fulfils broad objectives of providing estimates at lower level (regional level) for good of data and successful implementation of methodology. Paper have used standard methodology competently and came-up with the overall poverty index more or less comparable to other attempts of poverty estimation, with wider base and more acceptability. Paper has used ten indicators to derive multi dimensional poverty and covers most of the important dimensions. The fine example of lower level estimation is present through Map-1 and Map-2; the colour codes change as value of estimated index change when we moved to regional level from the aggregate state level.

This paper is very good addition to the knowledge by applying standard methodology, providing regional estimates and presenting findings in a nice way. Paper is of policy significance and has implications to the federal and state governments in India.

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Paper is of reasonable size with two self explanatory appendices and findings are nicely presented through maps and graphs.

Suggestions for future work in this area: Authors suggested of further lower level estimation, i.e. district level is most welcoming suggestion. Findings bring some intuitive suggestions if there is link of "geographic variables e.g. altitude, annual rainfall and soil quality etc." on the poverty. Secondly often difficult but very useful question- is there some linkage of place of residence i.e. rural or urban areas to the poverty; which may be tried for the future research or MPI may be computed separately for rural and urban areas in future.

I have spotted two typographic errors in paper as-

Page-5; para-2 in line "Third, for the first time, we provide the estimates of multidimensional poverty fat disaggregated level" **fat** may be replaced with **for**.

Page-14; last para: in line "In India, there are a limited number of studies that estimated multidimensional poverty using unit data from NFHS" **NFHS** to be replaced by **NFHS**.

With regards

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