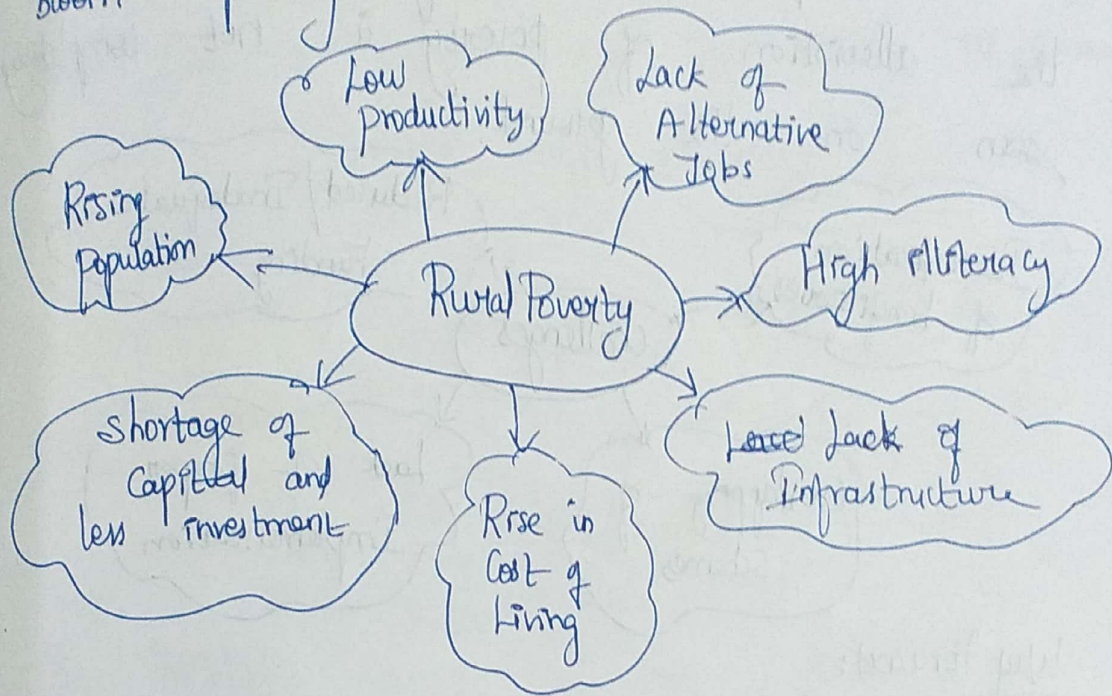


Q2) Answer:

Poverty is the state of deprivation of basic human needs. Every successive governments since independence have tried to reduce the poverty through various policies. Yet poverty continue to bloom especially in rural areas.



### Government Initiatives:

#### \* MNREGA:

↳ Guarantees work to improve the livelihood in rural areas.

#### \* National Rural Livelihood Mission:

↳ Promote self employment by organising SHG.

#### \* Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin:

↳ Provide housing for the rural poor.

#### \* PM Jan Dhan Yojana:

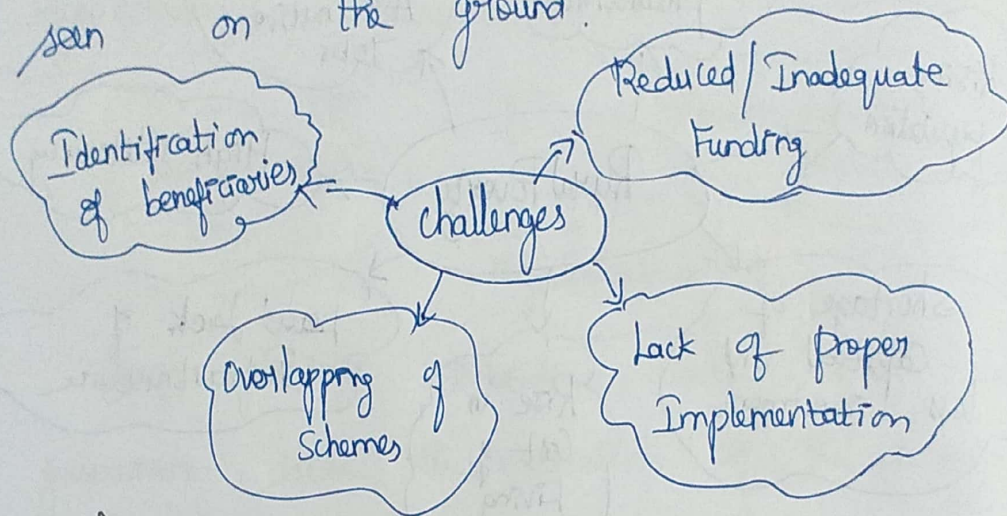
↳ Financial inclusion programme to expand financial services.

## \* Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana:

↳ To develop villages having higher ratio of people belonging to SC.

↳ Converge central and state schemes and allot fund on a per village basis.

Despite several government initiatives, the alleviation of poverty is not completely seen on the ground.



### Way Forward:

- Encouraging bottom-up approach to understand the need of the people and the functioning of the schemes.

- Diversifying the rural economy.

- Creating better infrastructure.

With India's major population is from rural India, it is important to not just eradicate but to prevent the re-emerging of poverty. This ensures the health of the economy of our nation.