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Title: Regarding enhancing construction cost for constructing homes under Prime Minister Awas Yojana-laid.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of Government through this august House towards the sanctioned amount of Rs. 1.8 lakh for construction of 350 square feet house under Prime Minister Awas Yojana Scheme.

In this connection, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that the construction cost per sq. ft. even in urban plain areas, where material transport is less expensive, is around Rs. 800. Accordingly, the estimated construction cost with minimum amenities for 350 sq. ft. including toilets comes to around Rs. 2.80 lakh. In addition, material transport charges for remote tribal areas, where the proposed housing is planned, would be around Rs. 28,000 per house.

Therefore, I earnestly request the hon. Minister through you to enhance the construction cost with minimum amenities for each house under the said scheme to Rs. 3 lakh rupees in tribal areas under the ST Sub-Plan.