

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:110

ANSWERED ON:24.02.2006

CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR TSUNAMI AFFECTED PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed construction of 9500 houses, 6500 by CPWD and the rest by NGOs for Tsunami affected people;
- (b) if so, whether even a single house has not yet been constructed by these agencies;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether only prototype houses have been built so far;
- (e) if so, whether lengthy procedure and absence of monitoring have led to this situation; and
- (f) if so, the efforts made or being made by Government for expeditious construction of houses for Tsunami affected people?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 FOR 24.2.2006 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR TSUNAMI AFFECTED PEOPLE.

(a): The Ministry of Urban Development has been assigned the task of construction of permanent houses for Tsunami affected people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has estimated 9622 permanent houses for construction, of which 7145 are required to be put up by CPWD and the rest by NGOs.

(b): While temporary shelters were provided to the affected persons soon after the Tsunami struck the islands, construction of permanent houses has not commenced so far.

(c): The reconstruction programme has been approved by the Government in December, 2005. Extensive consultations with Andaman & Nicobar Administration, affected persons, members of the civil society and other concerned persons regarding the layout of the villages/ colonies, design and specifications of the houses, their structural strength and constraints of resources in the islands, took time.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Foundation work for permanent construction is likely to commence by April, 2006 and the work is expected to be completed in two working seasons, i.e., by April, 2008.