

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS IN IAY HOUSES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed for making toilets in Indira Awas Yojana houses during 2005-06, State-wise;
- (b) whether the target has since been achieved;
- (c) if not, the shortfall thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the amount being given by the Government for making toilets;
- (e) whether any suggestions have been received for enhancement of funds since this amount is inadequate particularly in rocky and sandy areas; and
- (f) if so, the reasons thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (f) The Ministry of Rural Development is providing financial assistance to the shelterless rural Below Poverty Line (BPL) households for construction of a house @ Rs.25,000/ per unit in the plain areas and Rs.27,500/ in hilly/difficult areas under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). As per the Guidelines of IAY, Sanitary Latrine is an integral part of an IAY house and no separate amount is given for this purpose. However, in case, a beneficiary fails to construct a sanitary latrine, an amount of Rs.600/ is deducted from the total financial assistance to be given to such beneficiary. During the year 2005-06, total physical target for construction of houses was 14.41 lakh. However, against 13.47 lakh houses constructed under IAY as per the reports received from the State Governments so far, only 6.96 lakh Sanitary Latrines have been constructed. Due to attitudinal approach, scarcity of water or due to other reasons, some beneficiaries do not want to construct sanitary latrines within their houses. A Statement showing State-wise number of houses targeted, constructed and number of houses provided with Sanitary Latrines under IAY during 2005-06 is annexed.

IAY guidelines, inter alia, provide that wherever possible, efforts should be made to dovetail funds from Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) for providing sanitary latrine so that more money could be made available for construction of the IAY house.