

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING POLICY AND HOUSING GUARANTEE SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate National Rural Housing Policy and Housing Guarantee Scheme on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposed fund allocation for each State;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from certain quarters on the issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented indicating the estimated number of beneficiaries thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) to (e) No Sir, there is no proposal to formulate a National Rural Housing Policy and Housing Guarantee Scheme on the lines of MGNREGS. However, a National Rural Housing & Habitat Policy has been drafted by the Ministry after wide consultation with the stakeholders including State Governments, bankers etc. The goal of the proposed Policy is `to ensure adequate and affordable housing for all and facilitate development of sustainable and inclusive habitats in rural areas by expanding Government support, promoting community participation, self-help and public-private partnership within the framework of Panchayati Raj.`

The draft policy is at consultation stage with the Planning Commission.