

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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COST OF DWELLING UNITS UNDER IAY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the category in which the desert area has been placed for construction of dwelling units under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);
- (b) whether the Government has a proposal to increase the amount of grant being provided for construction of dwelling units in desert areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) Under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) financial assistance is provided to rural BPL households for construction / upgradation of dwelling units. For this purpose, the desert areas come under the category of plain areas.

(b)&(c) In the Budget 2010-11, it has been proposed to enhance the unit assistance under IAY from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 45,000/- in plain areas including desert areas and from Rs. 38,500/- to Rs. 48,500/- in hilly/difficult areas.