

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF KUTCHA HOUSES BY DISASTER RESISTANT STRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared a Rural Housing Policy;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government's role in the rural housing is limited to Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) only;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to replace all 'Kutcha' houses in rural areas by durable disaster resistant structures in the future under IAY; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Government is planning to formulate a National Rural Housing & Habitat Policy. For this purpose, a Draft "National Rural Housing and Habitat Policy" has been formulated after detailed discussions with the State Governments and other stakeholders and has been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments along with a Draft Note for the Cabinet, for their comments. The Goal of the Policy is to ensure adequate and affordable housing for all and to facilitate development of sustainable and inclusive habitats by expanding Government support, promoting community participation, self-help and public-private partnership within the framework of Panchayati Raj. At present, Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Scheme is being implemented in the rural areas of all States/UTs, under which financial assistance amounting to Rs. 45,000 per unit in the plain areas and Rs. 48,500 in hilly/difficult areas is provided to rural households for construction of dwelling units. However, the IAY Scheme has been dovetailed with various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). IAY beneficiaries can get the benefits available under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Janshree and Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana and loan under Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme at concessional rate of interest.

(e) & (f) In the 11th Plan document, the Planning Commission has set 27 monitorable socio-economic targets. One of these Targets is 'to provide homestead sites to all by 2012 and to step up the pace of house construction for rural poor to cover all the poor by 2016-17'.