

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT OF HOUSES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total requirement of shelter in the rural areas and the number of houses provided so far including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh as on current year;
- (b) whether there is still need for rural houses for shelterless people;
- (c) if so, how many and the details of steps taken to construct rural houses;
- (d) the number of rural houses required including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh as on current year; and
- (e) the time by which the rural houses will be provided to all shelterless people in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is being implemented in the rural areas of all States/UTs including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh (except Delhi and Chandigarh). Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the rural BPL households for construction of dwelling units. According to estimates made by the Registrar General of India, based on 2001 Census, the total housing shortage in rural areas in the country (except Delhi and Chandigarh) was 148.25 lakh. A statement showing the State-wise housing shortage in rural areas of the country, including Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, and number of houses constructed since inception of the scheme till date is annexed.

(d): The Ministry of Rural Development has estimated housing shortage as in 2009 to be 281 lakh houses on account of (a) households not having houses (38 lakh) and (b) households living in kutcha houses (243 lakh).

(e): Annual physical targets are fixed on year to year basis depending on the Central Budgetary Outlay provided for Rural Housing. However, 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'.