

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1808

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ASSISTANCE UNDER IAY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received requests from the State Governments to increase the assistance under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The requests to increase financial assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) are received from the State Governments from time to time and this issue is also raised by some States in various review meetings. During this year, a request in this regard was received from the State Government of Kerala. However, the unit assistance under IAY was enhanced w.e.f. from 1.4.2008 from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.35,000/- in plain area and from Rs.27,500/- to Rs.38,500/- in hilly/difficult areas. In addition, the Department of Financial Services has advised Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to include IAY houses under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme for lending upto Rs.20,000/- per housing unit at an interest rate of 4% per annum.