

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1035  
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CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE UNDER IAY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the construction cost has been increased in many fold due to escalation of construction material prices;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the ceiling on construction assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The grant provided under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is the unit assistance and not the actual unit cost. The beneficiary is expected to put his own labour for construction of the house. However, keeping in view the escalation in prices of construction material, the unit assistance for an IAY house has already been enhanced with effect from 1/4/2010 from Rs.35,000 to Rs.45,000/- in plain areas and from Rs.38,500/- to Rs.48,500/- in hilly/difficult areas.