

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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HOMELESS PEOPLE

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of homeless people in the country is rising over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof as on date and also as per the last two census conducted in 1991 and 2001; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to bring down the number of homeless people and the success achieved as a result thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A Statement showing State-wise rural housing shortage during the last two Census conducted in 1991 and 2001 is at Annexure. As may be seen from the Statement, there was increase in the number of housing shortage from 137.22 lakh as per Census 1991 to 148.34 lakh as per 2001 Census. Further, the Working Group on Rural Housing set up by the Planning Commission for the 11th Plan had assessed the rural housing shortage by 2012 as 474.3 lakh houses. However, State-wise projection was not made.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana throughout the country (Except Delhi and Chandigarh) under which financial assistance is provided to the rural BPL households for construction of a dwelling unit. The size of the scheme has increased substantially in recent years to bring down the number of homeless people in the rural areas. The Budgetary Outlay for Rural Housing has been enhanced from Rs.1991 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 8,800 crore in 2009-10. During the year 2009-10, 33.86 lakh houses have been constructed under IAY as against 11.71 lakh houses constructed in 2001-02.