

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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BPL FAMILIES UNDER IAY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in Bihar and other States included under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);
- (b) the number of BPL families which are yet to be included under the scheme; and
- (c) the time by which all the BPL families are likely to be included under the scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a): Under Indira Awas Yojana Scheme, financial assistance is provided to rural BPL households for construction/upgradation of dwelling units. The scheme is in operation since 1985-86. Since inception of the scheme, 246.00 lakh houses have been constructed /upgraded with an expenditure of Rs.63529.69 crore. A statement showing the State-wise number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families benefited under Indira Awas Yojana including Bihar is at Annexure.

(b): As per the information made available by the Office of the Registrar General of India based on 2001 Census, the total housing shortage in rural areas throughout the country (except Delhi & Chandigarh) was 148.25 lakh houses. State-wise details of housing shortage in the rural areas are indicated in the Annexure.

(c): Under IAY, annual physical targets are fixed on year to year basis depending on the Central Budget outlay provided for Rural Housing. However, the Government is making efforts to reduce the housing shortage in the rural areas of the country as quickly as possible. The 11th Plan document envisages stepping up the pace of house construction for rural poor to cover all the poor by 2016-17.