

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MECHANISM FOR SUPPORT UNDER IAY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that most States do not have any mechanism to provide technical support and guidance to beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for construction of their houses;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps/has taken steps to provide low cost environment friendly, disaster resistant houses as per the local cultural preferences; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Sir. State Governments do have mechanism to provide technical support and guidance to beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)&(d): The Guidelines for Indira Awas Yojana provide that the beneficiary will have complete freedom as to the manner of construction of the house. However, Zilla Parishads/DRDAs are required to obtain information on innovative technologies, materials, designs and methods to help beneficiaries in the construction of durable, cost effective and disaster resistant houses. There are officers, including engineers etc. at the block and district level to assist the beneficiaries in this regard. These officers also receive training on these aspects at the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD)/National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD). NIRD has also developed prototypes of cost effective, environment friendly and innovative houses of various types and design to suit different areas