

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BPL FAMILIES COVERED 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 covered under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the timeframe by which all the BPL families are likely to be covered under this scheme; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Scheme, financial assistance is provided to rural BPL households for construction/upgradation of dwelling units. Since inception of the scheme in 1985-86, 252.14 lakh houses have been constructed/upgraded so far. A Statement showing the State-wise number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families covered under IAY is at Annexure.

(b) & (c) The 11th Plan document envisages to step up the pace of house construction for rural poor to cover all the poor by 2016-17. The Government is making efforts to reduce the housing shortage in the rural areas of the country as quickly as possible. Annual physical targets under IAY are fixed on year to year basis depending upon the Central Budget outlay provided for Rural Housing which has been increasing consistently over the years.

Further, to achieve the objective of providing houses to all, Government also launched a scheme to provide homestead site to those rural BPL households who are in the Permanent IAY Waitlists but could not avail financial assistance under the scheme because of non-availability of house sites.