

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:180

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NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING POLICY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to introduce a National Rural Housing and Habitat Policy to ensure adequate and affordable housing for all in the hilly and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the allocation of funds, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is proposed to replace all Kutcha houses with durable and disaster proof homes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said policy is likely to be implemented and the estimated number of beneficiaries thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.180 due for answer on 11/8/2011

(a) & (b): No decision has been taken to introduce a National Rural Housing and Habitat Policy. Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is being implemented in rural areas of the country including hilly areas to assist Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in construction of their own houses. State wise allocation of funds under IAY in 2011- 12 is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), rural households living below poverty line and living in kachcha houses or not having their own houses are assisted to construct a durable house. They are also encouraged to construct a disaster resistant house. In 2010-11, 33.48 lakhs BPL families were sanctioned houses under IAY. In 2011 the target is for construction of 27.27 lakh houses.

(e): Does not arise.