

**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) the total number of homeless people in the country;
- (b) whether the number of homeless people is increasing in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reaction of the Government to the reliability of the figures available at present;
- (e) the action taken by the Government to bring down the number of homeless people; and
- (f) the outcome of the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As per Census,2001 there were 48,01,763 houseless households in the country. The data in respect of Census, 2011 is yet to be published. Whether there has been any increase in the number of houseless people will be known after the data is in public domain.

(e) & (f): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana(IAY) throughout the country (except Delhi & Chandigarh) under which financial assistance is provided to the rural BPL households for construction of dwelling unit. Since inception of the scheme 267.83 lakh houses have been constructed. 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.10,000.00 crore in 2011-12 During the year 2010-11, 27.15 lakh houses have been constructed under IAY.