

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3589  
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REDESIGNING OF HOUSES UNDER IAY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed that the dwelling unit under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is not suitable for a healthy living and require a redefinition and redesigning ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): No Sir. No report has been received indicating that Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) houses are not suitable for healthy living. The IAY guidelines provide that the plinth area of a IAY house should not be less than 20 sq.mts. The layout, size and type design of IAY dwelling units depend on the local conditions and the preference of the beneficiary. The houses are to be designed in accordance with the desire of the beneficiaries, keeping in view the climatic conditions and the need to provide ample space, kitchen, ventilation, sanitary latrine facilities, smokeless chulhas etc.