

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS FOR RURAL HOUSING
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has discussed specific targets for rural housing under the XII Five Year Plan, especially with regard to BPL households;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated new financial and social audit options for rural housing for BPL households; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No Sir. However, the Working Group on Rural Housing for 12th Five Year, set up by the Planning Commission has recommended assistance for construction of 20 million houses during 12th Five Year Plan period.

(c)&(d): Financial audit of the IAY scheme is done every year. It is done through various mechanisms such as Financial Returns, Audit Reports, Utilization certificates, receipt of online Monthly and Annual Progress Reports etc. The selection of beneficiaries is done by the Gram Panchayat from BPL list/Permanent IAY Waitlists and the approval of Gram Sabha is sought. So social audit is inbuilt in the policy itself. Further, it has been provided in the scheme guidelines that the system of social audit will be followed.