

**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 number of homeless persons in the country;
- (b) the circumstances in which these persons live during raining season, hot weather and extreme cold conditions;
- (c) the number of houses given every year by Government to these homeless persons:
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed by which houses would be made available to all homeless persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): According to the estimates made by the Office of Registrar General of India based on 2001 Census, the total housing shortage in rural areas throughout the country (excluding Delhi and Chandigarh) was 148.25 lakh houses which includes 114.02 lakh families living in non-serviceable kutcha houses and the remaining shortage is due to congestion and shelterlessness. As per estimate of Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for Rural Housing for 12th Five Year Plan, there are 20.21 millions temporary (kutcha) houses as on 2012. A statement showing year-wise number of houses constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana since inception of the scheme is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e): The Government is making efforts to reduce the housing shortage in the rural areas of the country as quickly as possible. Annual physical targets are fixed on year to year basis depending on Central Budget outlay provided for Rural Housing which has been increasing consistently over the years.