

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:398

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HOMELESS PERSONS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of homeless persons is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of homeless people/ families, State-wise as on date;
- (c) whether Government intends to conduct any survey in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide houses to homeless persons?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per Census,2001 there were 148.25 lakh houseless households in the country. The data in respect of housing shortage as per Census, 2011 is not available. Whether there has been any increase in the number of houseless people, will be known after the data is in public domain.

(e): 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 291.53 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 with a physical target of construction of 12.94 lakh houses to Rs.11075.00 crore in 2012-13 for construction of 30.09 lakh houses.