

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4158
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GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES
Nagar Shri Surendra Singh

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides grants to poor for construction of houses under rural development schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the Central grant for construction of houses for poor in view of the price rise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. Indira Awaas Yojana, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development in the rural areas of all States/UTs (except Delhi and Chandigarh) since 1985-86, under which financial assistance amounting to Rs.45,000/- in plain areas and Rs.48,500/- in hilly/difficult areas/IAP districts is provided to rural BPL households for construction of dwelling units.

(c)to(e): The issue of increase in the unit assistance is under active consideration of the Government.