

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2576  
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2014  
HOUSES UNDER IAY  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the assistance being provided by Government for construction of a house under Indira AwasYojana (IAY) in plains and hilly/difficult areas;
- (b) whether keeping in view the present rate of inflation and higher cost of building material, the Government has sent any proposal to Planning Commission for revision of assistance under IAY;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether to fill the gap between actual cost of housing unit and assistance being provided, the Government proposes to include construction work under IAY in MGNREGS and MPLAD schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and further steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

- (a) Under IAY, unit assistance of Rs.70,000/- in plain areas and Rs.75,000/-in hilly/difficult areas and LWE districts are being provided for construction of a new house.
- (b) &(c) No, Madam. Unit assistance under IAY for construction of house has been recently revised from R.45,000/- to Rs.70,000/- in plain areas and from Rs.48,500/- to Rs.75,000/- in hilly/difficult areas and LWE districts w.e.f. 01.04.2013.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam, as per Schedule – I Para 4 (II) (iv) of MGNREGA, unskilled wage component in construction of houses sanctioned under the IAY has been permitted as one of the activities under MGNREGA. There is no proposal to specifically include construction work under IAY in MPLAD Schemes. However, under MPLAD Scheme, MPs may provide MPLADS funds to Centrally Sponsored Schemes providing assets for individual / family use, with the proviso that the M.P. will not add or change the priority list or any of the criteria for selection declared in the centrally sponsored scheme. He/she may not nominate specific individuals as beneficiaries, but can nominate the geographical areas where these MPLADS funds would be spent.