

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:897  
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ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES  
Anwar Shri Tariq

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

- (a) whether any financial assistance for construction of houses to rural families belonging to SC/ST and non-SC/ST living below poverty line is provided by the Government;
- (b) if so, the total number of housing units constructed during the last three years and the current year, State/year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free houses to persons belonging to SC/ST Communities in the country including Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), financial assistance of Rs. 70,000/- in plain areas and Rs. 75,000/- in hilly/difficult areas and LWE districts is provided to the rural families belonging to SC/ST and non-SC/ST living below poverty line for construction of houses in the country including the State of Bihar.
- (b) The State-wise total number of houses constructed during the last three years and current year is given in the Annexure.
- (c),(d) & (e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.