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Title: Need to provide more houses under the Indira Awas Yojana.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Madam Speaker, thank you.

I am raising the matter pertaining to providing houses to houseless and needy people in the country. The Indira Awas Yojana is a programme under which the Union Government wants to provide houses to the needy people in the country. If you look at the conditions in the villages, still thousands of people are residing in thatched huts. They are in need of *pucca* houses. Providing housing is a priority for any Government, including the State Governments.

I would like to request the Union Government to see that more houses under Indira Awas Yojana are provided to the State Governments in order to enable them to allocate more houses to the needy people. In fact, we receive hundreds of applications whenever we visit the villages. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to provide more houses under the Indira Awas Yojana.