

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 127

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT

No. 127* DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that apart from State and Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh each, the Government would offer an additional technology innovation grant of Rs. 2.5 lakh for each house;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that once innovative technologies have been tested and proved, these would be included in the Central Public Works Department list; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 127 DUE FOR 12.02.2019 REGARDING 'TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT'

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) {PMAY(U)} Mission was launched on 25 June 2015 for providing all-weather pucca houses to all urban homeless families/ beneficiaries by assisting States/ Union Territories (UTs) with Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh for each house to be constructed under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC) and Rs. 1 lakh for each house under 'In-Situ' Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) components of PMAY(U) Mission. Further, interest subvention is allowed as Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiaries under Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Low Income Group (LIG)/ Middle Income Group (MIG) – 1 & 2 categories at given scale under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) through Banks. The States/ UTs have been given flexibility for their contribution in PMAY(U) Mission.

A Technology Sub-Mission (TSM) has been set up under PMAY(U) Mission to facilitate adoption of modern, innovative, green technologies and building material for faster and quality construction of houses. Further, under the overall purview of TSM sub-component, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is organising Global Housing Technology Challenge - India (GHTC-India) to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative and alternative technologies from across the globe that are sustainable, eco-friendly and disaster resilient. The main objective of the Challenge is to get such technologies which can deliver maximum number of dwelling units in minimum time and cost.

The challenge has three components viz. i) Conduct of Grand Expo-cum-Conference, ii) Identifying Proven Demonstrable Technologies from across the world for the construction of Lighthouse Projects and iii) Promoting Potential Future Technologies through establishment of Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators - India (ASHA-India) for incubation and acceleration support.

A Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) has been constituted for GHTC-India to evaluate and assess the range of available technologies. The TEC will shortlist and empanel a basket of technologies that could bid and construct Lighthouse Projects of around 1,000 Dwelling Units (DUs) each at six different geo-climatic locations in the country. In order to offset costs of the transition (opportunity cost) from conventional to new construction technologies, 20% of the estimated cost per DU subject to the ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per DU will be funded to the concerned States/ UTs for these Lighthouse Projects as Technology Innovation Grant (TIG) over and above Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh per DU constructed during the Challenge.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam.