

Committee of Secretaries (CoS) before they are placed for consideration of the “National Council for Land Reforms”. Accordingly, the Cabinet Secretariat has been requested to constitute the Committee of Secretaries for the purpose.

Enhancing the amount for building houses under IAY

143. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 25,000/- is made available to a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family for a house under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in today's inflationary times, it is impossible to construct a house within Rs. 25000/-;

(d) whether there is any proposal to enhance the amount of Rs. 25000/- to Rs. 50000/-;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (f) No, Sir. The unit assistance under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) has since been enhanced *w.e.f.* 1.4.2008 from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 35,000/- in the plain areas and from Rs. 27,500/- to Rs. 38,500/- in hilly/difficult areas. In addition, the Reserve Bank of India has been advised by the Ministry of Finance to include IAY houses under the Differential Rate of Interests (DRI) scheme for lending upto Rs. 20,000/- per housing unit, at an interest rate of 4%.

Target of IAY

144. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for providing shelters under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) since last three years, State-wise;

(b) how far these targets have been achieved;

(c) the percentage of women benefited by this programme, State-wise; and

(d) how far this programme has been successful in tribal areas, especially in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (c) Details showing the State-wise number of houses targeted, houses constructed and the percentage of women benefited under Indira Awaas Yojana during the last three years are given in the Statement (See below).

(d) The overall performance of IAY in the country including tribal areas and Jharkhand is satisfactory. During the last three years, 1.59 lakh houses were constructed in Jharkhand against the physical target for construction of 1.38 lakh houses.