

Financial assistance under IAY in hilly areas

3087. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is Rs. 35,000/- in plain areas and Rs. 38,500/- in hilly and difficult areas which is not commensurate with the real cost of construction;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to revise the existing limit on real basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) financial assistance of Rs. 45,000/- in plain areas and Rs. 48,500/- in hilly and difficult areas is given to beneficiary to construct house. In addition, he can avail loan upto Rs. 20,000 at concessional rate of 4% per annum under Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme. Beneficiary constructs his house as per his requirement.

(c) At present there is no proposal to revise the existing limit.

Drinking water supply

3088. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a mismatch between demand and supply position of drinking water in India at present;

(b) the names of the rivers that fulfil demands of drinking water supply and the population covered;

(c) the other sources that meet the demand of water for thirsty population and the number of such population;

(d) the future demand for drinking water likely to arise by 2020;

(e) in what manner Government is going to meet the demand; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA): (a) to (d) Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines, a quantity of 40 liters *per capita* per day (lpcd) of water for humans to meet requirements based on basic minimum need has been identified, of which 3 lpcd is for drinking purposes. State Governments may fix their own higher norms based on water availability, demand, capital cost, affordability etc. Water for drinking, is sourced both from ground (about 85%) and surface sources (about 15%). Surface sources include rivers, ponds, lakes, streams, canals, springs and other traditional

sources like takas, wells and ooranis. Ground water is extracted through open wells, tubewells and handpumps etc. The demand of drinking water in 2020 will as per the norm of 3 lpcd.

(e) and (f) Water is a State subject. Under the centrally sponsored NRDWP, Government of India provide financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide potable drinking water to rural habitations. Under this programme the powers to plan, approve and implement water supply schemes are vested to the States.

PMGSY in Maharashtra

3089. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target for road constructions for Maharashtra out of Rs. 40,000 crore allocation for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), especially segments like Vidarbha and Marathwada, where the density on road network is very low;

(b) whether alarming conditions like continued marginal farmers' suicides in backward district like Yavatmal in Vidarbha region have been kept in view while expanding rural road network;

(c) whether the annual targets fixed during the Eleventh Plan under PMGSY have been achieved during the first three years of the Plan, *i.e.* April, 2007-April, 2010; and

(d) if so, what is the position region-wise, Vidarbha, Marathwada and Konkan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) For implementation and release of funds, under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State is taken as unit. District-wise/region-wise sanction and release are not done under PMGSY. For Maharashtra, proposals valuing Rs. 5,388 crore for length of 23,217 km. have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) upto October, 2010 since inception of the programme.

(b) Proposals for works under PMGSY are submitted by the State as per Programme Guidelines.

(c) and (d) State-wise/region-wise annual targets are not provided in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. However, the outcome targets fixed and achieved for Maharashtra during April, 2007 — March, 2010 are as under:—

Year	Length (in km.)	
	Target	Achievement
2007-08	2,745	2,942
2008-09	4,000	4,139
2009-10	2,950	3,111