

Widening scope of IGNDPS

1568. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that dwarfs, who, in most of the cases, are unable to find employment, do not come under the purview of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to widen the ambit of Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), in order to include this category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Government has already included the category of dwarfs in the vulnerable groups of beneficiaries eligible under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in the revised guidelines on NSAP and the States/UT Governments are required to ensure pro-active identification and coverage on special priority of dwarfs among other vulnerable groups.

Target of providing houses

1569. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has fixed the target of providing houses to 4.25 crore homeless families by 2022;

(b) if so, the number of houses to be provided to homeless families annually, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred on construction of houses for the homeless annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) to (c) In pursuance to the announcement of the Government to achieve the goal of 'pucca houses for all' 2022, the Ministry has drawn up a proposal, for restructuring of Indira Awaas Yojana. The proposal envisages covering all the houseless and households living in dilapidated houses in rural areas. The modalities are being worked out.