

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2216**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

**IMPLEMENTATION OF PMAY-G IN ODISHA**

2216 SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of houses constructed under rural housing schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in Odisha during the last five years;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for housing projects in the State during the same period; and
- (c) whether Government has identified any challenges in implementing rural housing schemes in Odisha and the steps taken to address the challenges?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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(a): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) w.e.f. 1st April, 2016 to construct 2.95 crore houses by providing assistance to eligible rural households with basic amenities. The Union Cabinet has approved an additional 2 crore rural houses under PMAY-G to be constructed in the next five years from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 to meet the arising housing requirements due to increase in the number of families in rural areas across the country. During the last five years, a total of 14,10,178 houses have been completed in the State of Odisha under PMAY-G.

(b): An amount of Rs. 12,065.06 Crore has been released as central share by the Ministry during the last five years, against which a total of Rs. 19,093.60 Crore (including State Share) has been utilized by the State of Odisha during the last five years i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24.

(c): During the period of Covid-19, pandemic induced nation-wide lockdown existed in all States including Odisha, where all construction activities including construction of houses under PMAY-G were also affected. In addition to this, the main challenges in implementation of PMAY-G include the delay in the release of Central & State Share from State Treasury to State Nodal Account of PMAY-G by the States/UTs, cases of unwillingness of beneficiaries, permanent migration, disputed succession of deceased beneficiaries, delay in allotment of land to landless beneficiaries by the States/UTs and at times General/Assembly/Panchayat elections, and unavailability of building materials.

The Ministry is taking various steps to overcome the shortcomings in the implementation of PMAY-G and for the timely completion of the targeted houses under PMAY-G as given below:

- i. Timely allocation of targets to the States/UTs.
- ii. Micro monitoring of house sanction and completion through workflow enabled transaction-based MIS-AwaasSoft, analytic Dashboard and using other IT tools & latest AI/ML technologies.
- iii. Regular review by Minister/ Secretary/ Deputy Director General.
- iv. Separate review of States with high targets.
- v. Timely release of funds to the States/UTs and follow up with the States/UTs for onward release to beneficiaries.
- vi. Training to Rural Masons under Rural Mason Training (RMT) programme to make available pool of trained rural masons for faster construction of quality houses.
- vii. Using newly launched IT tools including Awaas+ 2024 mobile app which ensures transparent beneficiary identification with Aadhaar-based face authentication.
- viii. Awaas Sakhi mobile app designed to streamline access to PMAY-G by consolidating key information and resources in one place.
- ix. Awards to best performing States/UTs, Districts and blocks based on dedicated performance index dashboard thereby creating healthy competition and motivation among the States/UTs for achieving the set targets.

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