

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ENHANCEMENT OF FUNDS UNDER IAY  
HEMA GAMANG

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to enhance the existing allocation of funds for the construction of houses under the Indira Awaas Yojana, especially in the hilly and desert areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c): There is, at present, no no proposal under consideration to enhance the per unit ceiling of assistance under the Indira Awaas Yojana. Given the availability of resources, if the per unit assistance were to be enhanced, the number of beneficiaries would need to be reduced. The National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998 also advocates progressive shift froma subsidy based Scheme to a cost-sharing Scheme for Rural Housing.