GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3308 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/03/2023

OPENING OF AWAS PLUS PORTAL FOR PMAY (G) HOUSES OF ODISHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) details when the Awas Plus Portal for the PMAY(G) houses for Odisha would be opened;
- (b) reasons for not opening the Awas Plus portal since 2019 when it was closed; and
- (c) how will the "Housing for All" vision be accomplished if beneficiaries needing PMAY (G) houses are still outside the Awas Plus Portal of PMAY (G)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (b) The Awaas+ survey exercise was started under the Pradhan MantriAwaasYojanaGramin (PMAY-G) in January 2018 with an initial deadline of 31.03.2018 for the identification of eligible households which were left out and were not covered in the SECC 2011 survey. This deadline was extended 4 times finally till 07.03.2019. Two special windows were given after this deadline to Odisha in the wake of FANI cyclone. The State of Odisha registered 13,20,945 potentially eligible households during this exercise. In addition, the Ministry has allowed synchronization of data of 6,32,344 households (4,90,339 lakh households from 16 Non-FANI districts and 1,42,005 FANI affected households) from State developed Rural Housing Portal to National Awaas+ database of potentially eligible households captured during the Awaas+ survey. However, the request for the opening of Awaas+ portal for re-survey has not been acceded to for any state, since sufficient time had been given to all the States/UTs by way of multiple extensions, including Odisha State, where special windows and even approval for synchronization were also granted. Also, at present there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry for opening of Awass+ portal for any State/UT for re-survey.

(c) In order to achieve the target of "Housing for All" in rural areas, the Ministry of Rural Development was mandated with the task of implementing PMAY-G with effect from 1^{st}

April, 2016 to provide assistance to eligible rural households with overall target to construct 2.95 crore pucca houses with basic amenities by March, 2024. The beneficiaries under PMAY-G were identified on the basis of housing deprivation parameters and exclusion criteria prescribed under Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC)-2011. The target of 2.95 crore was arrived at on that basis. The auto generated priority list of households from SECC, 2011 database was provided to the States/Union Territories for conducting verification by Gram Sabhas followed by an appellate process. The number of eligible beneficiaries thus made available through SECC database currently stands at 2.08 crore (approx.). The Government conducted Awaas+ survey to identify those beneficiaries which claimed to have been left out under the 2011 SECC and thus prepared an additional list of potential beneficiaries. In order to fill the gap between overall target of PMAY-G and beneficiaries available through SECC 2011, Awaas+ data is being utilized. A total target of 87.00 lakh (approx.) houses has already been allocated to eligible States/ UTs from Awaas+ database till date, including a target of 8,17,513 households allocated to the State of Odisha in financial year 2021-22. In addition, the State of Odisha has been allocated a target of 1,42,005 households as Special Project for FANI affected households synchronized in Awaas+ database.
