GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3968 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES UNDER PM AWAAS YOJANA-GRAMIN

3968 SHRI KUNWAR RATANJEET PRATAP NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas YojanaGramin (PMAY-G) as of March 2025, particularly in Kushinagar;
- (b) the manner in which the recent extension of PMAY-G will contribute to "Housing for All" in rural areas;
- (c) criteria for identifying eligible beneficiaries for PMAY-G and ensuring transparency;
- (d) whether financial assistance under PMAY-G includes basic amenities and specific amounts allocated; and
- the manner in which convergence with schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission enhances PMAY-G's impact on housing and employment?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)

(a): In order to achieve the objective of "Housing for All" in rural areas, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) with effect from 1st April 2016 to provide assistance to 4.95 crore eligible rural households with basic amenities by March 2029. As on 31.03.2025, a cumulative target of 3.79 crore houses have been allotted to States/UTs out of which 3.59 crore houses have been sanctioned and 2.73 crore houses have been completed.

The Ministry allocates targets to the States and further allocation of targets to the Districts/ Blocks/ Gram Panchayats is done by the respective State Governments. As on 31.03.2025, 51,104 houses have been constructed in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh since inception of the scheme.

(b) & (c): The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for "Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29" for construction of additional 2 crore rural houses with an outlay of 3.06 lakh crores. This extension will not only provide safe and secure living conditions but also generate employment opportunities and empower women by prioritizing female beneficiaries.

The identification of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G) is based on the housing deprivation parameters and exclusion criteria prescribed under Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC)-2011 and due verification by the respective Gram Sabhas and completion of an Appellate Process. These parameters/criteria was applied on SECC 2011

database & Awass+2018 to identify eligibility of beneficiaries under PMAY-G. It is stated that the SECC 2011 based Permanent Wait List and Awaas+ 2018 list have been statured by allocation of targets for 22 States/UTs including the state of Uttar Pradesh.

The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of PMAY-G for 5 more years (FY 2024-25 to 2028-29) to provide assistance for the construction of 2 crore additional rural houses. The Cabinet has also approved the updating of the Awaas+ List using modified exclusion criteria. A new survey is being conducted by the states/UTs using the technology-based solutions to maximize transparency and ensure sanctity in the process right from the identification to completion of the houses as per the details below:

- i. **Awaas+ 2024 app-** a unique app specially designed under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), having features of assisted survey through pre-registered surveyors, housing technology selection, face authentication, Aadhar based e-KYC, data capture of household, conditions of existing house, time stamped, and geo tagged photo capture of existing house proposed site of construction. The app works in online as well as offline mode. "**Self-Survey**" facility is available for eligible household in Awaas+2024 app Survey for next phase of PMAYG (2024-29).
- ii. Usage of AI/ML model to curb fraudulent activity and provide information of possible malpractices.
- iii. Recommendation System This module identifies various house attributes such as pucca wall, pucca roof, kutcha wall, kutcha roof, logo, window, door, and person in the uploaded photos of a completed house and recommends a final photograph for approval.
- iv. e-KYC App The app is integrated with Aadhaar and uses AI-enabled face authentication technology to conduct verification of PMAY-G beneficiaries.
- v. Liveliness Detection: Eye Blink/ Motion detection feature in Awaas App for identification of the beneficiaries.
- vi. 100% Aadhaar-Based Payments: Directly transferred to beneficiaries' accounts.
- (d): Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), the unit assistance of Rs. 1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs. 1.30 lakh in North Eastern States, Hilly States (including UTs of J&K and Ladakh) is provided. The funding pattern between Centre and the State for the NER States and Himalayan States [Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir (UT)] is 90:10 whereas for the rest of the States is 60:40 and for Union Territories without legislature, 100% funding are borne by the Centre. In addition to the unit assistance, the beneficiaries are facilitated with 90/95 man days of unskilled labour wages through mandatory convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Support of Rs. 12,000 for construction of toilet is also provided through Swacch Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G), MGNREGS or any other dedicated source of funding.
- (e): Under the scheme, to provide PMAY-G beneficiaries with the maximum number of benefits from different schemes, convergence with other schemes is encouraged. The guideline aids with the construction of toilets to be leveraged through convergence with SBM-G, MGNREGS, or any other dedicated source of funding. Convergence for piped drinking water, electricity connection, LPG gas connection, solar lanterns and cleaner cooking energy, solar roof-top, fulfillment of

requirement of construction material through MGNREGS and linkage with SHGs platform under Government programs is also being done.

The convergence of PMAY-G with schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission promotes holistic development by providing access to sanitation facilities, thereby improving the overall quality of life, convergence MGNREGS not only provides financial support but also fosters a sense of ownership and self-sufficiency among beneficiaries. The convergence of PMAY-G with other schemes like Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) further enhances its impact by providing access to clean energy and other essential amenities. Overall, the convergence of PMAY-G with other schemes promotes a comprehensive approach to rural development, addressing multiple aspects of beneficiaries' lives and fostering sustainable growth.
