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RAJYA SABHA
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PMAY-G

2530 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provides any form of technical assistance to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G) to ensure the quality and durability of houses constructed;
- (b) if so, the details of the components covered under such technical assistance, including design support, construction guidance, and material use;
- (c) whether any mason training programmes or skill development initiatives have been undertaken to build local technical capacity for implementation under PMAY-G; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries and rural masons trained under these programmes, State/UT-wise including North Eastern Region, since the inception of PMAY-G?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): Yes. Under the **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G)**, the Government provides technical support and handholding to beneficiaries to ensure that houses constructed are of good quality, durable and appropriate to local geo-climatic conditions. In addition to financial assistance, a set of Beneficiary Support Services and institutional mechanisms have been put in place to guide beneficiaries during the construction process. The technical assistance provided to beneficiaries under PMAY-G includes the following major components:

- i. **Design Support**
 - a. Preparation and dissemination of a menu of region-specific, disaster-resilient house design typologies suitable for local climatic and geographical conditions. The Ministry has published a compendium of region-specific house designs with the name ‘Pahal’ which includes 108 house designs for 62 housing zones in 15 States for the use of the beneficiaries
 - b. Provision of detailed layout plans, drawings and cost estimates for these house designs.
- ii. **Construction Guidance and Capacity Building**
 - a. Sensitization workshops for beneficiaries to brief them on construction stages, material requirements and appropriate building technologies.
 - b. Training and certification of rural masons to ensure availability of skilled manpower for quality construction.
- iii. **Demonstration and Advisory Support**
 - a. Identification of demonstration houses for beneficiaries to observe model constructions.
 - b. Provision of lists of trained masons, nearby suppliers and other technical resources to assist beneficiaries during construction.

Further, the Awaas SAKHI (Support Application for Knowledge, Help and Innovation), an innovative mobile application, has also been developed to enhance access to PMAY-G by bringing essential information and resources in one place. Through the application, beneficiaries can gain awareness about the scheme, obtain answers to their queries and determine their eligibility for the

scheme, equipping them with knowledge to make informed decisions. Further, Awaas Sakhi paves the way towards active involvement of beneficiaries and their community in the house construction process by making available house design typologies, locally available BIS certified materials and trained rural masons. Awaas Sakhi, in the essence of its name, aims to provide Help, enable access to Knowledge and promote Innovation in PMAY-G. The application makes essential information and tools available at the fingertips of the beneficiaries enabling them to take full advantage of the scheme and achieve their dream of owning a secure and resilient house.

(c): Under PMAY-G, Rural Mason Training (RMT) is a key initiative aimed at ensuring quality construction and supporting sustainable livelihoods in rural areas. The programme focuses on developing a pool of skilled and certified masons capable of constructing disaster-resilient, durable, and cost-effective pucca houses using locally available materials and appropriate technologies. These trained masons contribute significantly to improved construction quality, faster completion, and adherence to design and safety standards.

Under RMT, so far 3.81 lakh candidates have been enrolled, about 3.48 lakh have been assessed, and 3.08 lakh individuals have been certified as trained rural masons under PMAY-G. These trainees have undergone structured on-site training modules, with certification conducted by the Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI). This systematic and practical training approach ensures that masons develop the hands-on skills required for high-quality, safe, and durable housing construction in rural areas.

In addition to the on-site training model, a parallel RMT initiative has been introduced through the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) to broaden outreach and strengthen livelihood opportunities. The RSETI model offers a structured training environment with a standardized curriculum and improving access to local employment for trained candidates. A total of 12,592 candidates have been certified through this initiative.

(d): The details of rural masons enrolled and certified through RMT under PMAY-G, State-wise may be seen as under,

S.No.	State/ UT	Enrolled candidates	Assessed candidates	Certified candidates
1	Assam	14,402	14,037	13,173
2	Bihar	15,723	15,040	13,977
3	Chhattisgarh	41,268	38,879	33,023
4	Gujarat	8,289	8,097	7,390
5	Haryana	60	60	55
6	Himachal Pradesh	434	388	352
7	Jammu & Kashmir	2,933	2,755	2,494
8	Jharkhand	42,101	38,710	34,429
9	Karnataka	11,797	10,783	9,699
10	Kerala	31	28	25
11	Madhya Pradesh	49,335	38,391	31,166
12	Maharashtra	52,255	49,393	44,929
13	Meghalaya	1,096	936	719
14	Mizoram	46	37	32
15	Odisha	33,092	30,045	26,349
16	Rajasthan	20,496	19,722	17,500
17	Tripura	220	194	182
18	Uttar Pradesh	54,079	50,226	45,781
19	Uttarakhand	537	523	484
20	West Bengal	33,394	29,647	26,242
	Grand Total	3,81,588	3,47,891	3,08,001
