

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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DECREASE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

3424. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that budget for rural housing and water supply schemes has been reduced over 14 per cent against the last year allocation;
- (b) if so, the reasons behind deduction in rural development funds in terms to grant-in-fund from Rs. 2,899 crore to Rs. 2,794 crore this year; and
- (c) the plan detail of development project with reduction in budget therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) In order to achieve the target 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 eligible rural households with overall target to construct 2.95 crore pucca houses with basic amenities by March, 2024. Of the overall target, the States/UTs have sanctioned houses to 2.85 crore beneficiaries and construction of 2.19 crore houses has already been completed.

Since August, 2019, Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – HarGhar Jal which aims at providing potable water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis to every rural household, through tap water connection. Water being a State subject, it is the States who plan, implement, operate and maintain water supply systems, whereas Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing technical and financial assistance.

The grants-in-aid under both PMAY-G & JJM has not been reduced and in fact it has been increased in financial years 2022-23 & 2023-24 in comparison with the previous financial years. The allocation of funds to these schemes is given as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PMAY-G	30,057	48,422	54,487
JJM	45,011	55,000	70,000
