

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1198  
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**AWAS SAKHI MOBILE APP**

**1198. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to implement the AwasSakhi Mobile App under the Pradhan MantriAwasYojana (PMAY) and to streamline housing benefits for rural citizens;**
- (b) the key objectives behind the nationwide survey of kuccha houses initiated by the Ministry and the provisions in place to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are included in the pucca housing list;**
- (c) the extent to the allocation of 100 crore rupees to the "LakhpatiDidi" initiative aims to increase rural women's income levels and empower them economically; and**
- (d) the anticipated benefits of the newly inaugurated Community Managed Training Centres (CMTCs) and the Gram Sadak Survey & Planning Tool for enhancing skills, connectivity, and rural infrastructure in Bihar?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Pradhan MantriAwaasYojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) w.e.f. 1st April, 2016 to construct 2.95 crore houses by providing assistance to eligible rural households with basic amenities. The Union Cabinet approved 2 crore additional rural houses under PMAY-G to be constructed in the next five years from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 to meet the additional housing requirements due to increase in the number of families in rural areas across the country.**

**The Awaas SAKHI (Support Application for Knowledge, Help and Innovation) is an innovative mobile application 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.**

**(b) To ensure that assistance is targeted to those who are genuinely deprived, and that the selection is objective and verifiable, the beneficiaries under PMAY-G were initially identified using housing deprivation parameters given in the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data. The Government then conducted an Awaas+ survey from January 2018 to March 2019 to identify those beneficiaries who claimed to have been left out under the 2011 SECC and thus prepared an additional list of potential beneficiaries. As on date, the SECC list has been saturated and approximately 1.08 crore eligible beneficiaries are remaining in Awaas+ 2018 list.**

**To achieve the additional target of 2 crore houses, Awaas+ survey 2024 app aims to simplify the identification and inclusion of additional deprived households for housing assistance. Its key features ensure accurate data collection, with a focus on transparency and ease of use for both citizens and officials. Further, as a new intervention to move towards better transparency, surveyor mapping to every GP has been undertaken for conducting Awaas+ Survey 2024.**

**The key provisions of which are:**

- 1. Self-Survey – Allows citizens to perform Aadhaar-based eKYC and complete a self-survey. Only one Self-survey per mobile phone is permitted.**

- 2. Assisted Survey through pre-registered surveyors - Surveys can be conducted by pre-registered surveyors, assisting those who may need help. These surveyors are identified and mapped to the Gram Panchayat by Block Development Office.**
- 3. Housing Typology Selection- Facilitates the selection of appropriate housing design typology for each household surveyed.**
- 4. Face Authentication and Aadhaar based eKYC- Secure identification through Aadhaar and face authentication is mandatory for surveyors and for each household surveyed.**
- 5. Data capture of Household, family members and condition of existing house- The App enables collection of information about the household, family members, and the condition of the existing house, ensuring selection and prioritization of beneficiaries as pre-defined inclusion and exclusion criteria.**
- 6. Time stamped and geo-tagged photo capture of existing house and proposed site of construction. – Captures time-stamped and geo-tagged photos of the existing house and the proposed construction site during the survey which is then cross validated with AI/ML based models for authenticity and liveliness.**
- 7. Works in online and offline mode both - This feature ensures the app works seamlessly even in areas with poor internet connectivity, making it accessible in remote regions.**

#### **Main objectives of Awaas+ survey 2024:**

- 1. Identification of Housing Deprivation: To accurately identify households living in kuccha or dilapidated houses that require pucca housing.**
- 2. Inclusion of Left-out beneficiaries: To ensure that eligible rural families who were previously excluded from the 2011 Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) and could not be included under the Awaas+ survey 2018 are now included in the beneficiary list based on the revised exclusion criteria as approved by the Union Cabinet.**

**3. Transparency and Fair Allocation: Minimize errors, exclusion, or favoritism in identifying housing beneficiaries by conducting the survey based on field realities and through dedicated surveyors in each GP.**

**4. Housing for All: Align with the overarching goal of "Housing for All by 2024," ensuring all rural families have a safe and durable home.**

**(c) "LakhpatiDidi" initiative is an outcome of DeendayalAntyodaya National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY - NRLM). The Ministry has adopted a structured approach to enhance the income of SHG members to make them lakhpatididis, i.e., they earn a minimum income of Rs one lakh per annum.**

**Amount of Rs. 100 crore has not been allocated for the initiative. However, to facilitate SHG members to become LakhpatiDidis, potential LakhpatiDidis have been identified. They are being supported by the Community Resource Persons (CRPs), promoted under DAY-NRLM, in preparing livelihood business plans and establishing linkages for assets, skills, finance, technology, market etc.**

**Capitalization support in the form of Revolving Fund (RF), Community Investment Funds (CIF) and Bank linkage along with convergence with schemes of other Ministries has been ensured for their livelihood augmentation.**

**(d) The DAY- NRLM focuses on continuous capacity building of the SHG members, and SRLM officials. Resources are deployed to provide timely and relevant training and exposure. Setting up of Community Managed Training Centers (CMTCs) managed by Model CLFs in the States and UTs is an endeavor in this regard. The CMTCs provides safe, accessible, and near to home, residential and basic office infrastructure facility for dedicated and uninterrupted ambiance for training and exposure. CMTCs facilitate improvement in the effectiveness of the training and exposures.**

**The Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana-IV (PMGSY-IV) has been launched to provide connectivity to 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations in the country.**

**For the survey and planning of PMGSY-IV in a systematic, user-friendly & scientific way, MoRD has recently launched a mobile app namely PMGSY Gram Sadak Survey App for digital mapping of unconnected habitations for PMGSY-IV.**

**PMGSY-IV road alignment planning will be undertaken through the PM Gati Shakti portal. PM Gati Shakti portal with a wider database is available for detailed analysis of data received from the survey and will facilitate developing the preliminary DPR. These platforms and Apps will be used for revision of DRRP, finalization of alignment and preparation of preliminary DPR. The planning tool on PM Gati Shakti portal will also assist in DPR preparation. The Gram Sadak Survey App is equipped with a range of advanced features designed to facilitate comprehensive and accurate mapping and verification of rural habitations.**

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