

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INDIRA AWAAS YOJANA (IAY)

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Sr.No.	Question	Reply
1.	What is the aim of the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)?	Aim of Indira Awaas Yojana is to provide financial assistance to the rural poor living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) for construction of house.
2.	Who are eligible to get assistance under IAY?	BPL rural households of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, non-Scheduled Castes & non-Scheduled Tribes, Ex-servicemen of the armed & paramilitary forces killed in action, physically & mentally challenged persons, freed bonded labourers & Minorities are eligible to get assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana.
3.	Who will provide the assistance?	Funding of IAY is shared between the Centre & State Government in the ratio of 75:25.
4.	How much of financial assistance is given?	The financial assistance provided for new construction in the form of grant is Rs.45,000/- per unit for the plain areas & Rs.48,500/- for the hilly/difficult areas. Further, an IAY beneficiary can avail top up loan upto Rs 20,000/- under the

		Differential Rate of Interest (DRI Scheme) from any Nationalized Bank at an interest rate of 4% per annum.
5.	How many IAY houses are allotted in each year to a particular State/District/Gram Panchayats?	Since reduction of shelterlessness is the primary objective, 75% weightage is given to housing shortage and 25% to the poverty ratios prescribed by Planning Commission for State level allocation . For district level allocation, 75% weightage is given again to housing shortage and 25% to SC/ST population of the concerned districts. On the basis of allocations made & targets fixed, District Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat/District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) decides the number of houses to be constructed/upgraded Panchayat-wise under IAY, during a particular financial year.
6.	What is the selection procedure?	Selection of beneficiaries is based on the permanent IAY waitlists prepared on the basis of BPL list 2007 with the poorest being selected on priority.
7.	What are the provisions for weaker sections, minorities & person with disabilities under the IAY?	60% of the benefits of the Scheme are meant for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Besides 3% of the houses are

		reserved for physically & mentally challenged persons amongst the rural BPL families. Funds are also earmarked for coverage of minorities.
8.	How do women get benefit under IAY ?	Allotment of dwelling units is done in the name of the female member of the beneficiary household. Alternatively, it is allotted in the name of both husband and wife. Only when there is no female member in the family, the house is allotted in the name of male member.
9.	Who will construct the houses?	Engagement of contractors is prohibited and construction of an IAY house is the sole responsibility of the beneficiary.
10.	Will the beneficiaries get any information about construction technology or procurement of raw material?	Under the guidelines, DRDAs are required to disseminate information in respect of environment friendly/innovative/disaster resistant technologies.
11.	Does Indira Awas Yojana provide only for construction of house or does it provide electricity connections as well?	Indira Awas Yojana mainly provides for construction of house on 20 sq. meter area. However, there is provision for dovetailing of the scheme with Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyut Yojana (RGGVY) to provide electricity to IAY

		beneficiaries.
12.	Is the “Sanitation” and “Smokeless chulha” integrated into the Rural Housing?	It is required that the beneficiary will take up “Smokeless Chulla” as part of the house construction. The Sanitary Latrines are being provided from Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) Scheme.
13.	Am I eligible for IAY house, if I don’t have a plot?	No, IAY dwelling units are built on the plot of the beneficiary.
14.	Can I get more than one House?	No.
15.	Where can one get information on the Indira Awas Yojana ?	The information may be obtained from Ministry of Rural Development, State Government & DRDAs/Gram Panchayat. Information is also available in the website of Ministry of Rural Development at http://iay.nic.in and http://rural.nic.in .

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