

# PM Awas Yojana (Gramin)

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**In news**– The Prime Minister of India inaugurated 5.21 lakh houses of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)-Gramin in Madhya Pradesh recently.

## About PMAY-Gramin-

- **Indira Awas Yojana(IAY)**, is a social welfare programme, **launched in 1985 by Rajiv Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, as one of the major flagship programs of the Ministry of Rural Development** to construct houses for BPL population in the villages.
- As per Government's commitment to provide **"Housing for All" by 2022, the scheme of IAY has been re-structured into Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) w.e.f 1st April 2016.**
- A similar scheme for urban poor was launched as Housing for All by 2022.
- **PMAY-G aims at providing a pucca house, with basic amenities,** to all houseless households and those households living in kutcha and dilapidated houses, by 2022.
- The immediate objective was to cover 1 crore households living in kutcha house/dilapidated houses in the years from 2016-17 to 2018-19.
- The **minimum size of the house has been increased to 25 sq.mt (from 20 sq.mt) with a hygienic cooking space.**
- The unit assistance has been increased from Rs.70,000 to Rs.1.20 lakh in plains and from Rs.75,000 to Rs.1.30 lakh in hilly states, difficult areas and IAP districts.
- The **beneficiary is entitled to 90/95 persondays of unskilled labour from MGNREGA.**
- The assistance for construction of toilets shall be leveraged through convergence with SBM-G, MGNREGS or any

other dedicated source of funding.

- **The cost of unit assistance is to be shared between Central and State Government in the ratio 60:40 in plain area and 90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States.**
- From the annual **budgetary grant for PMAY-G**, 95% of funds is to be released to States/UTs for the construction of new houses under PMAY-G.
- This would also include 4% allocation towards Administrative expenses and 5% of the budgetary grant is to be retained at the Central Level as reserve fund for Special Project.
- Instead of selecting a beneficiary from among the BPL households, **beneficiaries will be selected using housing deprivation parameters in the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data** which is to be **verified by the Gram Sabhas.**
- Priority will first be assigned on the basis of parameters reflecting housing deprivation in each category viz., SC/ST, Minorities and others.
- The Criteria for Automatic Inclusion under PMAY-G is as follows:
  - Households without shelter.
  - Destitute / living on alms.
  - Manual scavengers.
  - Primitive tribal groups.
  - Legally released bonded labourer.
- In PMAY-G, programme **implementation and monitoring** is to be carried out **through an end to end e-Governance model Using Awaas Soft and AwaasApp.**
- AwaasApp – a mobile application is used to monitor real time, evidence based progress of house construction through date and time stamped and geo referenced photographs of the house.