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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Rural Housing Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001
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The Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge of RD/Housing
All States/UTs
(except NE states, J & K, Uttrakhand and Himachal Pradesh)

Subject : Identification of 'difficult area' within the State and approval of Empowered Committee for the same

Sir,

Kind attention is drawn towards provisions of new IAY Guidelines (para3.2.1) 'assistance for construction of a new house'. As per these provisions the unit cost of an IAY house in plain areas and in hill states and difficult areas (including IAP districts) would be as follows :-

Item	Unit cost	Central and state share
Construction of new house		
(i) Plain areas	Rs.70,000/-	90:10 for NE States and Sikkim
(ii) Hilly States and difficult areas and IAP districts	Rs.75,000/-	100:00 for UTs 75:25 in other cases

Difficult areas are those where due to reasons like low availability of materials, poor connectivities and adverse geographic, climatic and geological conditions the cost of construction goes up significantly. The identification of 'difficult area' within a State shall be done by the State Government based on the methodology developed by it and approved by the Empowered Committee for the programme. Village Panchayats is to be treated as the unit.

You are requested to examine this issue and if required send proposals identifying difficult areas within the State for the approval of the Empowered Committee. The proposals should include reasons establishing difficulty in term of low availability of material, adverse geographic, climatic and geological conditions and poor connectivities to enable the Empowered Committee to examine the proposal in depth.

Yours faithfully,



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