



Maharashtra Additional Subsidy for Rural Homes

Why in News?

The Maharashtra government is going to provide an **additional subsidy** of Rs 50,000 for homes in rural areas under [the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana](#).

Key Points

- **Approval of Additional Subsidy:**
 - The state **Chief Minister approved the decision** to provide an additional subsidy.
 - The Maharashtra government allocated funds for this subsidy in the [2025-26 budget](#).
- **Increased Financial Support:**
 - The State Rural Development Minister announced that the additional subsidy would raise the total financial assistance per beneficiary to Rs 2.1 lakh.
 - The **State government will bear the cost of this additional subsidy**.
 - The government aims to complete 20 lakh housing units within a year.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

- **Launch:**
 - To achieve the objective of **“Housing for All” by 2022**, the erstwhile rural housing scheme [Indira Awaas Yojana \(IAY\)](#) was restructured to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) from 1st April 2016, as [a centrally sponsored scheme](#).
- **Ministry Involved:** Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective:**
 - The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana aims to address housing shortages in urban and rural areas.
 - The scheme prioritizes economically weaker sections and low-income groups.
 - It follows a demand-driven approach, allowing States and Union Territories to approve projects based on identified eligible beneficiaries.
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - People belonging to [SCs/STs](#), freed bonded labourers and non-SC/ST categories, widows or next-of-kin of defence personnel killed in action, ex-servicemen and retired members of the paramilitary forces, disabled persons and [minorities](#).
- **Selection of Beneficiaries:**
 - Through a three-stage validation such as [Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011](#), [Gram Sabha](#), and [geo-tagging](#).