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'IAY: SC/ST families in north Bihar covered'

Patna: The state government on Thursday claimed that it has covered 100 per cent SC/ST families under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in north Bihar districts and said that there were no applications forthcoming from such families for assistance under the specific central flagship scheme.

Rural development secretary Amrit Lal Meena told re-

porters although he did not have figure as of now of the SC/ST families having availed assistance under IAY for housing in north Bihar districts, the coverage under the central scheme for such families stood at 100 per cent in districts like East Champaran, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur and others.

Among other significant

facets of implementation of the IAY scheme in Bihar, the rural development secretary said the state government had last year launched a scheme, called the Mukhyamatri Shatabdi Mahadalit Protshahan Yojana, proposing to provide an additional assistance of Rs 2,000 to mahadalit families as incentive for constructing houses.

In addition, it has been

proposed to provide amenities like electricity, toilet, solar lantern etc to the IAY beneficiaries to improve their quality of life and sustain livelihood, Meena said.

About implementation of MNREGA in Bihar, the rural development secretary said a number of measures have been taken to ensure transparency so that the scheme did serve the purpose. PTI