

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SANITATION PERFORMANCE  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to rank cities as per Sanitation Performance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to cover all household in cities and towns with sanitation facility; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): The National Urban Sanitation Policy approved by the Govt. of India envisages rating of Class-I cities on various parameters related to sanitation. The best performer will be recognized through a National Award. The award shall take into account output related parameters such as complete elimination of open defecation, elimination of open scavenging and personal protection to sanitary workers, safe collection and disposal of total human excreta, recycling and reuse of treated waste water for non-potable applications, efficient and safe management of storm water and solid waste management, process related parameters such as monitoring and evaluation, observance of proper O&M practices, clear assignment of institutional responsibilities, sanctions for deviance on the part of polluters and outcome related parameters such as improved quality of drinking water, reduction in water borne diseases etc. On the basis of the rating scheme, cities will be classified as Red, Black, Blue and Green.

(c)&(d): Govt. of India has launched two programmes i.e. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in December, 2005 with a view to provide infrastructure facilities in all the urban areas of the country including sanitation. Under JNNURM, 63 identified cities including all cities having population more than a million as per 2001 Census are eligible for Central Assistance. Under Urban Infrastructure and Governance component of JNNURM which is implemented by Ministry of Urban Development, 71 sewerage projects at an estimated cost of Rs.849497.88 lakhs have been approved till 30.11.2008. These projects provide for house service connections to facilitate connections to the underground sewerage system. Under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), 58 sewerage projects at an estimated cost of Rs.657.02 crores have been approved.

The Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing the Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (ILCS) with the objective to convert/construct low cost sanitation units through sanitary two pit pour flush latrines with superstructures taking into account of the local conditions( area specific latrines) and construct new latrines where EWS Households have no latrines. Till 31st March 2008, the total number of schemes sanctioned under the ILCS programme through HUDCO is 873 covering 1538 towns in 23 States/UTs. As per the progress reported by the State nodal agencies, 2815857 units have been completed. 56873 scavengers have been liberated through implementation of ILCS schemes & 654 towns have been declared as scavenger-free.