

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Nirmal Gram Puraskar Scheme has been launched across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the achievements made under the scheme during the above period; and
- (d) the number of gram panchayats, block panchayats and zila panchayats befitted by the Nirmal Gram Puraskar Scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, To give a fillip to the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Government of India launched the Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) in October 2003 and gave away the first awards in the year 2005. NGP seeks to recognise the efforts made by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) who have contributed significantly towards ensuring full sanitation coverage in their areas of operation. TSC lays strong emphasis on Information, Education and Communication (IEC), capacity building and hygiene education for effective behaviour change with the involvement of PRIs, CBOs, NGOs, etc. The award is given to those PRIs which attain 100% open defecation free status and clean environment with access to toilet for every household, and toilets in all schools and anganwadis in terms of NGP guidelines.

(c) & (d): Under the NGP, the number of Gram Panchayats (GPs), Block Panchayats (BPs) and Zila Panchayats (ZPs) that have received the award during the above period is as under:

- # 2005 - 38 Gram Panchayats and 2 Block Panchayats.
- # 2006 - 760 Gram Panchayats and 9 Block Panchayats.
- # 2007 - 4945 Gram Panchayats, 14 Block Panchayats.
- # 2008- 12144 Gram Panchayats, 112 Block Panchayats, 8 Zilla Panchayats.
- # 2009 - 4556 GPs, 28 BPs and 2 ZPs
- # Sikkim has become first Nirmal State of the country in the year 2008.

State-wise details of NGP awardees during last three years is at Annexure.