

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5974  
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COST OF IHHL TOILET  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

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- (a) the basis of calculation of unit cost of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) Below Poverty Line (BPL) toilet under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) programme;
- (b) the factors taken into consideration for determining incentives to BPL families who construct individual toilets;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise the unit cost from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 7000/- with Government share of Rs. 4000/- ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to APL families to achieve the goal of total sanitation;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to bring about convergence between TSC and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) through incorporating construction of IHHL, School toilets, Anganwadi toilets, drainage channel, stabilization pond and inclusion of unskilled labour component; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b): The Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The main components are incentive for construction and usages of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School / Anganwadi Toilets, Community Sanitary Complex (CSC), Solid and Liquid Waste management (SLWM) and Information, Education and Communication (IEC). Under the component IHHL, provision exists for providing incentives to BPL households on completion and use of toilets in recognition of their achievement. A duly completed household sanitary latrine comprise of a Basic Low Cost Unit with a super structure. There is no fixed unit cost defined under TSC for IHHL. The Government provides an incentive of Rs. 2200/- (Rs.2700/- for hilly and difficult area) for the construction and usage of IHHL as Central share and the State contributes a minimum of Rs.1000/-. It is understood that the incentive being provided together with the intensive IEC campaign is adequate to generate effective demand and motivate the community for creating sanitation facilities.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.

(g)&(h): As per schedule-I of MGNREG Act, focus of works under MGNREGA is on the following:-

- i) water conservation and water harvesting ;
- ii) drought proofing, including afforestation and tree plantation ;
- iii) irrigation canals, including micro and minor irrigation works ;
- iv) provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the SC/ST, or Below Poverty Line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms, or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India or that of small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008.
- v) renovation of traditional water bodies, including de-silting of tanks
- vi) land development,

- vii) flood-control and protection works, including drainage in waterlogged areas;
- viii) rural connectivity to provide all-weather access; and
- ix) construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra as Village Knowledge Resource Centre and Gram Panchayat Bhavan at Gram Panchayat level and any other works that may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government.

Addition of activities/works in consultation with the State Governments is an ongoing process. Ministry of Rural Development has, in accordance with para 1(ix) of Schedule-1 of the Act, circulated draft guidelines to the States for including access to sanitation facilities in convergence with TSC, in the above list.