

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1132  
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SANITATION PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Centrally sponsored urban sanitation programme is underway in the country for the construction of toilets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the details in regard to the prescribed per unit cost under the scheme alongwith the funds likely to be provided to the States as share of Centre; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the prescribed per unit cost alongwith the Central share?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) Centrally sponsored revised Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme is underway in the country since January, 2008 for conversion of dry latrines into twin-pit pour flush latrines and construction of new latrines for the Economically Weaker Section in the urban areas who have no latrines.
- (b) State-wise details of proposals sanctioned and funds released including Maharashtra is at Annexure - I.
- (c) The upper ceiling cost of 10,000/- is prescribed for the complete unit of a two pit pour flush individual latrines with superstructure. 12,500/- cost is provided for the States falling in the category of difficult and hilly areas. The said structure is funded in the manner: 75% Central Share, 15% State Share and 10% Beneficiary share. Hence, funds provided to the States as share of Centre is 9375/- for States falling under hilly and difficult areas and 7500/- for other States.
- (d) At present, this Ministry is not taking any steps to increase the prescribed per unit cost.