

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

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NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR

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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) awarded to various Gram Panchayats during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria adopted for the same;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of money given under the NGP Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the funds released under the Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (f) whether various irregularities/improper implementation of the Scheme have been reported; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The details of the Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) awarded to various Gram Panchayats during each of the last three years, State-wise is at Annexure-I. The current year awards have not been given.

(b): The broad criteria for NGP is that the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) must have achieved total objectives under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) / Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) projects; all households must have access to sanitation facilities; all schools and Anganwadis must have functional sanitation facilities; the PRI must be open defecation free; the PRI must have a functional mechanism for household garbage disposal and a functional drainage system and cleanliness should be maintained in the inhabited areas.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The details of the Award money released under the Scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise, is at Annexure-II. The current year awards have not been given.

(f)&(g): No, Sir. However, the scheme is regularly examined and necessary changes are carried out to make the NGP more comprehensive and transparent in light of experiences gained in the preceding years, keeping the broad criteria same.