

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

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PROGRESS OF NIRMAL BHARAT ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the physical and financial progress of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan in West Bengal including Malda district;
- (b) whether there is a short fall in the project objectives and physical performance;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the measures taken by the Ministry to overcome the shortfall;
- (e) whether there is a delay in the release of approved funds by the Union Government;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) The physical and financial progress of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan in West Bengal is as under :-

(i) Physical Progress :

Project	Project	%age	
Component	Objective	Performance	Achievement
IHHL BPL	6619158	5601765	84.63
IHHL APL	4997498	2796845	55.96
IHHL TOTAL	11616656	8398610	72.30
School Toilets	134081	109958	82.01
Sanitary Complex	1140	1052	92.28
Anganwadi Toilets	84168	39011	46.35

Individual household latrines

BPL - Below Poverty Line

APL - Above Poverty Line

(ii) Financial Progress

Funds in Lakhs			
Share	Approved	Release	Expenditure
Govt. of India	111799.51	65937.91	49645.9
State Govt.	43820.36	19561.67	17548.98
Beneficiary	18528.07	32149.15	31851.91
Total	174147.94	117648.73	99046.79

(b) Yes Madam.. There is shortfall in construction of toilets for APL households and Anganwadi toilets with achievement of 55.96% and 46.35% respectively.

(c) Earlier there was no incentive for APLs for construction of Individual household latrines. Also unit cost of Anganwadi toilet was low.

(d) To accelerate the progress of sanitation in rural areas, Government of India has designed a paradigm shift in TSC that is now called the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), in the XIth Five Year Plan. The objective of NBA is to achieve sustainable behavior change with provision of sanitary facilities in entire communities in a phased, saturation mode with 'Nirmal Grams' as outcomes. The new strategy is to transform rural India into 'Nirmal Bharat' by adopting community saturation approach. The provision of incentive for individual household latrine units has been widened to cover all APL households who are SC/ST, small and marginal farmer, landless labourer with households, physically challenged and women headed households along-with all BPL households. Financial incentive for construction of toilets has been raised for all eligible beneficiaries from Rs. 3200/- to Rs. 4600/- under NBA. In addition upto Rs. 4500 is permitted under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and a beneficiary contribution of Rs.900/-, taking the total cost of construction of a toilet to Rs.10,000/-. Unit cost of Anganwadi toilet has been increased from Rs. 5000/- to Rs.8000/-(Rs. 10000/- for Hilly and difficult areas) w.e.f. 1-4-2010.

(e) No Madam,

(f) & (g) Do not arise