

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2012
MAINTENANCE OF TOILETS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no assistance is provided by the Government for the maintenance of toilets/the toilets-not-in-use, constructed in rural areas under the scheme of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has tried to find out the number of the said toilets;
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the corrective steps 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) No assistance is provided by the Government for the maintenance of toilets/the toilets-not-in-use, constructed in rural areas under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA)
- (b)&(c) Under NBA Guidelines, there is no provision for maintenance of toilets. It is essential to train the community, particularly all the members of the family in the proper upkeep and maintenance of the sanitation facilities created. The Information , Education & Communication IEC activities include awareness of the community on how to maintain the sanitation facilities. The maintenance expenses of individual household latrines have to be met by the households.
- (d)&(e) Yes Sir, Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) each State has been requested to conduct Baseline Survey for preparation of projects including dis-functional toilets.
- (f) Does not arise.