

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

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NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR  
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

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

- (a) the details of Nirmal Gram Puraskar Yojana and the number of villages in the country conferred with this prize so far, State-wise;
- (b) the details of amount provided by the Government of India to those Gram Panchayats which have received Nirmal Gram Puraskar, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any provision to review the Nirmal Gram Puraskar Yojana and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any provision to curtail the prize money if any Gram Panchayat is found not as per the criteria of Nirmal Gram Puraskar and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): To encourage the Panchayati Raj Institutions to take up sanitation promotion, the incentive award scheme of Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) has been launched. The award is given to those PRIs which attain 100% open defecation free environment. The concept of Nirmal Gram Puraskar has been acclaimed internationally as a unique tool of social engineering and community mobilization and has helped a difficult programme like rural sanitation to pick up. Each Gram Panchayat getting the NGP has a ripple effect in the surrounding villages. The Nirmal Gram Puraskar has ignited the imagination of Panchayat leaders throughout the country and made them champions of sanitation. It has been the prime mover behind the amazing progress achieved in rural sanitation coverage since 2005.

Number of Gram Panchayats(GPs) awarded NGP so far, State-wise is at Annexure-1.

(b): The details of amount provided by the Government of India to those Gram Panchayats which have received Nirmal Gram Puraskar, State-wise is at Annexure-1.

(c): Yes Madam, There is provision of reviewing NGP Guideline every year. Comments of State Governments, Unicef, WSP are being sought and suitably incorporated in the NGP Guidelines. As NGP is a central scheme, therefore no separate details are available.

(d): The Ministry has evolved a mechanism to ensure sustainability of NGP awarded GPs through revised Nirmal Gram Puraskar Guidelines. Guidelines include release of prize money in two equal installments. The first installment will be released immediately after GPs are selected for the award. For release of second installment, random checks will be carried out by the State after 6 months in all the awarded GPs, and the same will only be released on the sustainability of Open Defecation free(ODF) status and Nirmal Gram status attained by that GP.