

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed for construction of toilets including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years and the details of success achieved during the above period state-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the target of constructing one toilet in each of family in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has instructed the State Governments to achieve the target of constructing one toilet in each of family in the State in a stipulated timeframe;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the percentage of people in rural areas of the country who use toilets, including Chhattisgarh State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) is demand driven programme, hence no state-wise annual targets are fixed for construction of toilets. The State-wise achievements including Chhattisgarh in construction of Individual household latrines during the last three years is at Annexure-I

(b): No Madam, As per NBA objectives there were 12,57,26,727 rural households without toilets of which, till date 89417419(71.12%) toilets have been reported to be constructed as reported by States on the Online Monitoring System maintained by the Ministry.

(c): Sanitation is a state subject. As per the Constitution 73rd Amendment Act, 1992, Sanitation is included in the 11th Schedule. Accordingly, States and Gram Panchayats have a pivotal role in the implementation of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA). Reasons for relatively unsatisfactory performance of states lagging behind include:

- i.) Lack of priority for rural sanitation,
- ii.) Inadequate capacity building at grass roots
- iii) Lack of proper awareness generation.

(d)&(e): NBA goal is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022.

To accelerate the progress of sanitation in rural areas, Government of India has designed a paradigm shift in Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) which is now called the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), in the XIIth 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. NBA goal is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022. 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 homestead, physically challenged and women headed households along-with all BPL households. Financial incentive for construction of toilets has been raised for all eligible beneficiaries to Rs. 4600 under NBA. In addition upto Rs. 4500 to be booked under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for construction of the toilet is permitted and a beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900, taking the total unit cost of toilet to Rs. 10000/-. Conjoint approach with the scheme of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been adopted to address the issue of availability of water in the Gram Panchayats for sustaining sanitation facilities created. Funds for capacity building of all stakeholders including Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and field level implementers have been earmarked under the revised strategy. Convergence with other State Departments like Health, Women & Child Development and Panchayati Raj is being focused upon. Provision has been made for incentivizing Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) & Anganwadi workers for promoting sanitation. Self Help Groups, Women's Groups & NGOs of repute are to be encouraged by states to participate in sanitation promotion. The component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) has been prioritized by developing a roster of

options and focussed funding.

The Government has increased the allocation under NBA from Rs.1500 crore in the year 2011-12, the last year of the XI Five Year Plan to Rs.3500 crore as Budget Estimate during the year 2012-13, the first year of the XII Five Year Plan

(f): The percentage of rural households using toilets in the country, including Chhattisgarh, State-wise is at Annexure-II