

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is willing to support reconstruction of old dilapidated and abandoned low cost toilets constructed so far under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) programme guidelines;
- (b) if so, the time by which the reconstruction will be effected; and
- (c) if not, the manner in which the Government intends to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and target of reducing by half the proportion of the population without access to sustainable sanitation by 2015?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No Madam, No assistance is being provided by the Government for the reconstruction of old dilapidated and abandoned low cost toilets constructed in rural areas under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA).

(c): 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 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.