

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

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CONVERSION OF DRY LATRINES INTO TOILETS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of dry latrines in use as per the latest census;
- (b) whether there is any plan to convert all these dry latrines into proper toilets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a): As per Census 2011, there are 5,86,067 dry latrines in the rural areas of the country.

(b)&(c): The Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) guidelines specifically provide under para 5.5.4 that construction of bucket latrines is not permitted in the rural areas and the existing bucket latrines, if any, should be converted to sanitary latrines.

Govt. of India has been urging the States for conversion of all dry latrines into sanitary latrines. Steps to increase construction of sanitary latrines include the increase in incentive amount under NBA, widening of eligible beneficiaries to include selected APL category households and convergence with MGNREGS for additional funds for toilet construction.