

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

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

(a) whether there has been a wide disparity in sanitation coverage figures given by States and those obtained in the census 2011; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action 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): Yes Madam.

(b): Sanitation Coverage as reported by States and Sanitation Coverage as per Census 2011 are at Annexure.

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 XIth 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 strategy includes (a) provision of higher incentive per toilet, (b) widening the eligible category for incentive to include identified Above Poverty Line (APL) categories like Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) households, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homesteads, physically handicapped and women headed households and (c) convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to provide additional assistance for toilet construction to eligible beneficiaries.