

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to replace dry toilets with flush toilets in rural areas of the country, including UP and Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and spent on flush toilets during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes a special package for construction of flush toilets in rural areas of the Country especially in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) guidelines specifically provide under para 5.4.4 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, including Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Uttarakhand 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 identified APL categories of households and convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for additional funds for toilet construction.

(c): The details of funds released and spent on Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/NBA including construction of toilets during the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at Annexure-1

(d)&(e): To accelerate the progress of sanitation in rural areas of country, including in UP and Uttarakhand, 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.

The provision of incentive for individual household latrine units has been widened to cover all APL households who belong to SCs, STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homesteads, 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 National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 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 and to meet the requirement of pour flush toilets as well.