

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1114

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BIO TOILETS IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation proposes to build biotoilets in villages in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO);
- (b) if so, the details and the number thereof including the funding pattern of Scheme between Union and State Governments;
- (c) the number of gram Panchayats likely to be covered across the country under the scheme State-wise; and the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has named these toilets as 'Bapu' bio-toilets as a tribute to the vision of the Father of the Nation on the sanitation needs of rural India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for the NGOs and self-help groups being aided by the Government to spend a part of the grants for installation of Bapu' bio-toilets in rural areas; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for implementation of bio-digester based toilets developed by DRDO, in Gram Panchayats. MOU has provision for DRDO to adapt the technology suitably for use in villages in a phased manner.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.