

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

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

- (a) whether some State Government have not fully utilized the funds released under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds released and utilized by various State Governments under NBA during each of the last three years and current year. State-wise;
- (d) the extent to which NBA has been affected adversely due to under-utilization of funds; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) is project based programme taking district as a unit operated in demand driven mode. Under NBA, every district project has an approved project outlay. NBA guidelines stipulate that the funds shall be released to the States for the eligible districts only on utilization of at least 60% of the earlier released funds. The eligibility for the release of final installment of the district project is utilization of 80% of the released funds. The campaign therefore has an inbuilt provision of ensuring availability of funds during the period of release of next installment of funds in order to ensure effective implementation of NBA by the project districts.

(c) The funds released and utilized by States under NBA during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise is at Annexure..

(d) & (e) NBA is demand driven programme and the utilization of funds is subject to generation of sufficient demand for sanitation facilities. In order to ensure higher demand generation, the provision of incentive for Individual Household Latrines has been enhanced and the same has also been extended to cover identified categories of Above Poverty Line (APL) households. Convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) has also been made in terms of work person days for construction of sanitation facilities. The component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) has been strengthened. Conjoint approach with National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been adopted to address the issue of availability of water for sanitation facilities.