

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

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CONDITION OF SANITATION

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

- (a) whether as per the recent report of United Nations, the condition of sanitation in India is very unsatisfactory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether as per the report, India would be able to provide proper sanitation and toilet facilities to every citizen in at least 90 years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide sanitation facilities in all the habitations/villages of the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): It is not clear to the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation as to which specific report of the United Nations is being referred to by the Hon'ble M.P. in this question. However, as per the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) Report 2012, updates published by World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country is 33% approximately as of the year 2010. Also as per Census 2011, sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country is 32.70%.

The Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) seeks to make country open defecation free by the year 2022. With the revised strategy under NBA, the Government hopes to achieve the target set.

(e): Government of India has designed a paradigm shift in Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) which is now called the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), in the XIIth 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. Under NBA, following steps have been taken :

A shift from motivating individual household toilet construction to covering whole communities in a Gram Panchayat saturation mode for holistic sanitation outcomes.

The scope of providing incentives 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/- from the earlier amount of Rs 3200/-under NBA. In addition upto Rs. 4500/- can be spent under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for construction of the toilet. Along-with beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900/-, the total unit cost of toilet is now Rs. 10000/-.

More emphasis on Information Education Communication (IEC).with earmarked 15% of the total outlay of district projects for IEC activities. With a view to give thrust to a new approach towards IEC, the Ministry has launched a Communication and Advocacy Strategy (2012-2017).

Conjoint approach with National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to ensure water availability for sanitation in Gram Panchayats. Focused convergence of rural sanitation with associated Ministries including Health, School Education, Women and Child Development with NBA.