

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5009

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SANITATION FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether outlay for improving sanitation facilities has been increased by the Government during the 12th Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as compared to the 11th Plan;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of sanitation facilities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (e) whether sanitation has been accorded a priority under the Bharat Nirman Scheme;
- (f) if so, whether this has led the Government to increase its targets and funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand to spend at least one per cent of the GDP on sanitation; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, sir.

(b): For 12th Plan, an outlay of Rs. 34,377 crore has been provided for Rural Sanitation (425% higher than the 11th Plan) as compared to Rs. 6540 crore provided during 11th Plan.

(c): Yes sir, the Government has available an assessment on sanitation facilities in the rural areas from the Census-2011.

(d): According to the results of Census 2011, 32.67 % of rural households are reported to have access to toilets.

(e) to (g): Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) is not under Bharat Nirman Scheme. However, the Government of India has accorded a high priority to the Sanitation Sector. In the 12th Plan an outlay of Rs. 34,377 crores has been provided for rural sanitation as compared to Rs. 6540 crores in the 11th Plan, which is a significantly higher allocation. The goal is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households in the Country by 2022 under the NBA. Also as per 12th plan objectives of NBA, 50% of all the Gram Panchayats are to become Nirmal Grams by 2017.

(h): The Government is not aware of any such specific demand.

(i): Does not arise.