

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

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UNDER UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER NBA
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) have been under utilised in various States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, Jharkhand etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that the rural population of the country is benefited fully from NBA?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Details of fund released and expenditure incurred along with opening balances State/UT-wise is at Annexure-1. It can be seen that funds released /sanctioned under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) have been utilised, although the percentage expenditure has been less in respect of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha as compared to other states.

(c) Regular review meetings/Video Conferences etc. are organized by the MDWS to discuss issues relating to implementation of the NBA and to improve the progress and expenditure. Also, release of 2nd installment of central share is made only after 60 % of existing resources have been utilized by the State concerned.

d) Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, following steps have been taken to provide the benefits to the people:

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) is an extremely important component for rural sanitation programme that lays the basis for successful implementation of the programme. 15% of project outlays are earmarked for IEC activities. With a view to give thrust to a new approach towards IEC, the Ministry has launched a Communication and Advocacy Strategy (2012-17).

The actual implementation of the programme is done by the State Government. They have been urged to step up their IEC activities to generate demand for toilets.

Government of India has also stepped up its efforts by increased allocation and increased spending on IEC activities to bring awareness amongst the rural households about the need to build toilets.

Government of India is reviewing the implementation of the NBA in different States on a regular basis to identify the bottlenecks and remove the same so that the programme can be implemented more speedily to provide the benefits to the people.

The guidelines and other administrative instructions for implementation of NBA are being modified wherever required to speed up the implementation of the programme.

Government of India has a robust on-line monitoring system for the implementation of the programme.

In addition to the field visits by the Officers of Government of India to the extent possible, the states are also being urged to step up their own review and monitoring through State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) at the State level and District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) at the district level.