

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to construct toilets in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of toilets constructed under the sanitation scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether this has been as per the target fixed in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor 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) and (b) Government of India has given high priority to rural sanitation. Efforts of the State Governments for promoting rural sanitation were supplemented from 1986 till 1999 by the Central Government under the centrally sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) and thereafter from 1999 under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) was launched as demand driven, community led programme with major IEC inputs to make sanitation a felt need of the people.

To accelerate the progress of Sanitation coverage TSC was revamped as Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the XIth 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. The new strategy is to transform rural India into 'Nirmal Bharat' by adopting community saturation approach. NBA goal is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022.

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/-. (Rs. 10500/- for Hilly and difficult areas)

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.

Funds for capacity building of all stakeholders including Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and field level implementers have been earmarked under the revised strategy.

Convergence with other State Departments like Health, Women & Child Development and Panchayati Raj is being focused upon. Provision has been made for incentivizing Accredited Social Health Activists(ASHAs) & Anganwadi workers for promoting sanitation. Self Help Groups, Women's Groups & NGOs of repute are to be encouraged by states to participate in sanitation promotion.

The component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) has been prioritized by focussed funding.

(c) As per data available through online monitoring system, the number of toilets constructed under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) formerly known as Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-1.

(d) Since NBA is demand driven schemes, hence annual targets are not being fixed.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.