

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SANITATION FACILITIES

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

- (a) the number of habitations/villages covered under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) in various States of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Central assistance provided by Government under TSC is insufficient in view of the rising prices of construction materials;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to increase Central assistance under TSC;
- (e) whether there are deficiencies in the rural sanitation programme of the Government;
- (f) if so, the details thereof ; and (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) earlier known as Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) is being implemented in the rural areas of the country taking district as a unit. All habitations/villages in the districts are supposed to be covered under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA). The State/UT-wise number of districts where Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) is being implemented is at Annexure-1

(b) to (c) Under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), total assistance of Rs. 3200/-(central share of Rs 2200/- and State share of Rs. 1000/-) was earlier provided to BPL Households for construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs).

(d) The Government of India has revamped Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) to Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in 12th Five Year Plan. Under NBA, the financial assistance for construction of Individual Household latrines for BPLs and Identified APLs has been enhanced w.e.f 01/04/12 for all eligible beneficiaries to Rs. 4600/- (Rs 3200/- from Central share and Rs 1400/- from State share). An additional amount of Rs. 500/- is provided from Central share for Hilly and difficult areas. 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 amount of money available for construction of Individual household latrine is now Rs. 10000/-. (Rs. 10500/- for Hilly and difficult areas).

(e) and (f) Government of India presently administers Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan which has been revamped after eliminating the deficiency reported in Total Sanitation Campaign. The major shortcoming observed were:

- 1 APL-BPL distinction
- 2 Poor incentivisation
- 3 Individual centric
- 4 Aim at overall scattered coverage
- 5 Lack of inclusive approach
- 6 No specific emphasis on Solid & Liquid Waste Management

(g) 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 15% of the total outlay of district projects 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 (2012-2017).

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.