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

- (a) whether the Government is willing to improve the quality of personal hygiene, sanitation and solid as well as liquid waste management in rural areas through enhanced technical and financial support to all rural households;
- (b) if so, the proposed enhancements in technical and financial measures;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to support construction of bath- cum-toilet facilities for improving personal hygiene and sanitation particularly for rural women;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the manner in which Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan intends to achieve its objective of total sanitation?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Yes Madam, To improve the personal hygiene, sanitation and solid as well as liquid waste management and to accelerate the progress of sanitation in rural areas, Government of India has designed a paradigm shift in Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) which is now called the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the XIth Five Year Plan. The objective of NBA is to achieve sustainable behaviour 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, the Government has taken sufficient technical and financial measures to improve the quality of rural sanitation with enhancement in funding for construction of Individual household latrine and Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

The financial incentive for construction of toilets has been raised for all eligible beneficiaries (BPLs and identified APLs) from Rs 3200/- to Rs. 4600/-. In addition upto Rs. 4500/- to be booked under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for construction of the toilet is permitted and a beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900, taking the total unit cost of toilet to Rs. 10000/-.(Rs. 10500/- for Hilly and difficult areas)

The component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) has been prioritized through focused funding. Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA), assistance for SLWM project is available on the basis of total number of households in each Gram Panchayat(GP), subject to a maximum of Rs.7 lakh for a GP having up to 150 households, Rs.12 lakh up to 300 households, Rs.15 lakh up to 500 households and Rs.20 lakh for GPs having more than 500 households. Funding for SLWM project under NBA is provided by the Central and State Government in the ratio of 70:30. Additional cost requirement can be met with convergence of MGNREGS or from the State/GP funds.

Govt. has increased the allocation under NBA from Rs.2500 crore in the year 2012-13 to Rs. 4260 crore in 2013-14.

Under NBA, technical assistance is also being provided through training to Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) and PRI members, block and district functionaries , grass root functionaries in trades such as masonry work, brick-making, toilet pan making and plumbing etc , required for creation of sanitation facilities.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present the NBA provides support for construction of sanitary toilets only and not for bathing space.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) NBA goal is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022. For this, following actions have been formulated

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Provision of incentives for Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) of both Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households within a Gram Panchayat (GP).

Appropriate convergence with MNREGS with unskilled man-days and skilled man-days for construction of Individual household latrine, school and anganwadi toilets, sanitary complexes and Solid and Liquid Waste Management to enhance the total financial assistance.

Gram Panchayats where all habitations have access to water to be taken up. Priority may be given to Gram Panchayats having functional piped water supply ,

Provision of financial assistance for creation of sanitation facilities in Government Schools and Anganwadis in Government buildings within these GPs

Provision of financial assistance for Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) for proposed and existing Nirmal Grams

Information Education and Communication(IEC) activities for triggering the demand for construction and use of sanitary facilities in the rural areas.

Extensive capacity building of the stake holders like Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) and field functionaries for sustainable sanitation.

Convergence with Indira Awas Yojna(IAY), National Rural Health Mission(NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) and Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS).