

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

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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 funds allocated for the construction of toilets in rural areas are adequate for tackling the menace of open defecation and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) the names of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in this area and the details of assistance provided to them by the Ministry during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the time by which the targets for providing toilets/sanitation to all in the villages are likely to be achieved by the Government;
- (d) whether the Government proposes 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 housing; and
- (e) if so, the proposed enhancements in technical and financial measures?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. To provide thrust to the rural sanitation programme, 12th Five Year Plan outlay has been fixed at Rs. 37159 crore, which is 468% higher than the 11th Five Year Plan Outlay of Rs. 6540 crore.

(b) The Ministry has not engaged any Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to work on rural sanitation and no fund has been released to them for the same. However, as per Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) Guidelines, NGOs can assist Panchayati Raj Institution(PRIs) in Information, Education and Communication(IEC) and Capacity Building activities leading to demand generation, construction and use of sanitation facilities.

(c) The goal of the NBA is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022.

(d) and (e) Yes Madam. To accelerate the progress of sanitation in rural areas, Government of India administers the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA).

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.

The Government has taken sufficient technical and financial measures to improve the quality of rural sanitation with enhancement in funding and technical support for construction of Individual household latrine, school and anganwadi toilets, Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

The provision of incentive for individual household latrine units has been widened to cover all APL households who are SC/ST, small and marginal farmer, landless labourer with homestead, 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/- under NBA.

In addition upto Rs. 5400/- to be booked under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for construction of the toilet.

Under the NBA, assistance for Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) projects 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. Additional cost requirement can be met with convergence of MGNREGS or from the State/GP funds.

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. Publications on technical options for on-site sanitation and SLWM have also been issued.