

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

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NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR

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

- (a) the criteria for declaring a village as Nirmal Gram;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount given under Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of proposals for NGP from various States/UTs pending with the Union Government for approval; and
- (e) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

Answer

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

(a) As per the revised Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) Guidelines, Gram Panchayats are eligible to apply for the NGP if they fulfill the following conditions:-

The Gram Panchayat has adopted a resolution to ban open defecation within its entire area inclusive of all habitations and villages.

All habitations within the Gram Panchayat jurisdiction have access to water for drinking and sanitation purposes.

The Gram Panchayat has achieved the objectives for all the components as approved in the District Project under the Nirmal Bharat Abiyan (NBA) and have entered the achievements in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS).

Upon receipt of the application, the Gram Panchayats are also examined for achievements under the following activities :

Coverage of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL)

Coverage of School Sanitation

Coverage of Anganwadi Sanitation

Access to adequate water supply as per National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP) Guidelines

Activities taken-up under Information, Education and Communication.

Activities taken-up under Solid Waste Management

Activities taken-up under Liquid Waste Management

(b) No Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Applications from 5446 Gram Panchayats (GPs) for the Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) 2013 have been recommended by State Level Selection Committees. Field verification of these GPs are being carried out by Ministry.

(e) It is expected that selection of NGP awardees for 2013 will be completed by April, 2014.