

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS

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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government is providing financial assistance to States for the construction of toilets in individual households for the people below poverty line living in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [DR. (MS.) GIRIJA VYAS]

(a)&(b):This Ministry is implementing revised Integrated Low Cost Sanitary (ILCS) scheme to convert all identified dry latrines in urban areas into sanitary twin pit pour flush toilets since 2008.

Under Integrated Low Cost Sanitation (ILCS) scheme, support to the State Governments is provided to construct individual twin pit pour flush toilets in place of existing dry latrines among EWS households including for the people below poverty line in urban areas, in order to eradicate the need for manual scavenging. Under the Scheme total Central subsidy of Rs. 342.89 crore sanctioned and Rs.337.47 crore released to State Government for conversion of 2,51,963 dry latrines and new construction of 1,55,937 toilets.

(c): Urban water supply and sanitation is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies to plan, design, execute and operate sanitation in the urban areas. However, to prioritise the issue of sanitation, Ministry of Urban Development has formulated the National Urban Sanitation Policy 2008 with a vision to make urban areas sanitized, healthy and livable with a special focus on hygienic and affordable sanitation facilities for the urban poor and women. The policy requires each state to formulate its own state sanitation strategies and cities to make individual sanitation plans and implement them to meet the objective of goals set under NUSP. Till now, 157 Cities have taken up the process of preparation of City Sanitation Plans and 70 cities have submitted their draft CSPs.