

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up bio-toilets in large number of village panchayats in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether it is proposed to expand the scheme throughout the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which all the village panchayats are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation(MDWS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for implementation of bio-digester/bio-tank based eco-friendly toilets developed by DRDO, in Gram Panchayats. It has been decided that willing States may implement the projects with technical assistance from DRDO. NBA guidelines shall form the basis for the project including the financial incentive that would be the same for the bio-digester toilets as provided for in the NBA guidelines. Additional cost over and above that fixed under NBA guidelines plus that allowed under MGNREGS would be met by the State Government