

**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) the details of bio-digester toilets constructed in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether any target has been set by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the target has been achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c) 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. Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) now re-structured as Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) guidelines shall form the basis for the project including provision of financial incentives.

No targets have been fixed for the construction of bio-digester toilets. Information received from States, in respect of construction of Bio-digester toilets, as on 30.11.2014, is at Annexure.