

**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 a pilot project for installation of the bio-toilet in villages in the country was launched by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details and status thereof;
- (c) whether in backward districts and regions where conventional toilets are few have been found feasible for installation and maintenance of bio-toilets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with other modalities laid down in this regard; and
- (e) whether women's self help group and non-governmental organizations have been partnered in installing of these toilets in villages and individual homes and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) 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. The Ministry has also written to the States to consider the use of this technology as one of the options for toilets under the rural sanitation programme, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM(G)}.
- (c) No Madam.
- (d) Does not arise
- (e) The SBM(G) Guidelines allow sufficient flexibility to the States, if they so decide, to partner with women self help groups and non-Governmental organisations in various aspects of implementation of the programme, including for installations of toilets in villages and individual homes.