

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF TOILETS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and proportion of toilets in Government schools that have been rendered defunct;
- (b) the total funds allocated per school for main-tenance of toilets;
- (c) whether the Government has been disbursing such money to schools regularly and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action plan formulated by the Government for reviving defunct toilets in schools and to ensure that toilets are well maintained and remain usable at all times; and
- (e) whether the awareness, information and communi- cation plan for schools include awareness about main-tenance of toilets also and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2013-14, 1.62 lakh toilets were dysfunctional in government schools. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme annual maintenance grant @Rs. 5000 per school per year for schools with three class-rooms and Rs. 10000 per school per year with schools more than three classrooms, for the maintenance and minor repair of exiting school infrastructure inclu- ding toilets, is provided. In addition to this school grant is also provided @ Rs. 5000 per primary school per year and @ Rs. 7000 per upper primary school per year. Similarly, under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programme school grant at the @ 50,000 is provided in secondary schools.

(d) & (e) In pursuance to the national call to provide functional toilets for girls and boys in the schools, the PSUs/ Private corporate have committed re-constru- ction of 69083 toilets. Rs. 56.51crore has been allo- cated from the Swachh Bharat Kosh for re- construction/ repairs of 5245 dysfunctional toilets till 28.02.2015. This Department has emphasized with States to create awareness about cleanliness and hygiene in the schools. A handbook on Swachh Bharat: Swachh Vidyalaya was brou- ght out and widely disseminated to generate awareness on sanitation and hygiene in schools.