

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per the Indian Rural Development Report, 2012-13, only one in five households has the three basic facilities such as drinking water, electricity and sanitation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the revelations made by the Report and the basis for the same;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make any additional efforts in order to provide these basic facilities to rural population; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b): Madam, as per the Indian Rural Development Report, 2012-13, twenty percent of rural households have none of the three basic services - drinking water within premises, sanitation and electricity and eighteen percent have access to all the three. These figures are based on the data of NSS 65th Round (2008-09).

(c) & (d): To provide the basic facility of electricity in rural areas, it has been decided to continue Rajiv Gandhi GrameenVidyutikaranYojana (RGGVY) - Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in 12th Five Year Plan for electrification of uncovered villages and habitations having population of more than 100 and for providing electricity connection to BPL households with capital subsidy of Rs.23,397/- crore.

Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) – Programme to provide financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population, the following steps have been envisaged:

# Increasing the funds available for Operation and Maintenance of Water supply schemes from 10% to 15% of NRDWP allocation to States.

# In the 12th Five Year Plan period, the Ministry has shifted focus from hand pumps to piped water supply systems for new systems.

# It is also proposed to cover all Partially Covered Habitations and Quality Affected Habitations on priority basis.

# A conjoint approach between rural water supply, rural sanitation is being prioritized.

During 12th Five Year Plan, budget allocation under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)) is Rs. 68,786 crore.

Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) – A comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objectives of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment, the following steps have been taken for accelerating the sanitation coverage in rural areas:-

# Provision of incentives for the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHLs) to all Below Poverty Line Household and identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households which include all SCs/STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women- headed households.

# Financial incentive for construction of toilets has been raised for all eligible beneficiaries to Rs. 4600/- from the earlier amount of Rs. 3200/- under NBA. In addition up to Rs. 5400/- can be utilized under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for construction of the toilet. Along with the beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900/-, the total unit cost of toilet is now Rs. 10,900/- (Rs. 11,400/- for hilly and difficult areas).

# Emphasis is being given on Information Education Communication (IEC) with 15% of the total outlay of district projects earmarked for IEC activities.

# A conjoint approach is in place with National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to ensure water availability for sanitation in Gram Panchayats.

# Focusing of convergence of rural sanitation(NBA) with programmes of associated Ministries including Health, School Education, women and Child Development.

# Increasing the financial support for sanitation, the 12th Five Year Plan outlay has been fixed at Rs. 37159 crore, which is 468% higher than the 11th Five Year Plan outlay of Rs. 6540 crore.