

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

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NIRMAL GRAM PANCHAYATS  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Union Government to declare Gram Panchayat as Nirmal Gram Panchayats (NGPs);
- (b) whether the Union Government is aware that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken a decision to make 1000 Gram Panchayats at NGPs in the State, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some other State Governments have also declared some of their villages as NGPs, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the manner in which the Union Government is planning to supplement the efforts of the State Governments to achieve the above objective?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per the revised Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) Guidelines, Gram Panchayats are eligible to apply for the NGP if they fulfill the following conditions:-

# The Gram Panchayat has adopted a resolution to ban open defecation within its entire area inclusive of all habitations and villages.

# All habitations within the Gram Panchayat jurisdiction have access to water for drinking and sanitation purposes.

# The Gram Panchayat has achieved the objectives for all the components as approved in the District Project under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)/ Nirmal Bharat Abiyan (NBA) and have entered the achievements in the IMIS of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS).

Upon receipt of the application, the Gram Panchayats are also examined for achievements under the following activities :

# Coverage of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL)

# Coverage of School Sanitation

# Coverage of Anganwadi Sanitation

# Access to adequate water as per National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP) Guidelines

# Activities under Information, Education and Communication.

# Activities under Solid Waste Management

# Activities under Liquid Waste Management

(b) Under Annual Implementation Plan of 2014-15, Andhra Pradesh had identified 905 Gram Panchayats for making Nirmal Grams.

(c) State/UT-wise, number of Gram Panchayats awarded Nirmal Gram Puraskar till date is at Annexure-1.

(d) Sanitation is State Subject. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) from 2nd October, 2014 to provide financial and technical support to the States for accelerating rural sanitation coverage.