

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

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for providing Central assistance to Gram Panchayats for solid waste management under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enhance financial assistance to panchayats with large number of households in the densely populated States like Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government received any request from Kerala in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Solid and Liquid Waste Management is a component of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), a Centrally sponsored scheme run by the Ministry. Under the scheme, there is a provision of funds for Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities with cap of Rs. 7/12/15/20 lakh for Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/more than 500 households.

(b) to (d) For gram panchayats having household more than 500, including in Kerala, Rs. 20 lakh is available for SLWM under SBM(G). Additional Rs. 5 lakh is available under MGNREGA for SLWM activities. Any additional cost requirements are to be met with funds from the State, Gram Panchayat and other sources like Finance Commission and Corporate Social responsibility funds etc.