

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2156
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014
NIRMAL GRAM VILLAGES IN MAHARASTHRA
Chavan Shri Ashok Shankarrao

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

- (a) the number of villages which were transformed to Nirmal Grams in Maharashtra during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of target fixed for transforming villages in Maharashtra into Nirmal Grams during the current financial year 2014-15; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for transforming villages into Nirmal Grams in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a) Number of Gram panchayats awarded Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) in Maharashtra, year- wise during each of the last three years are:

Year	Number
2011	442
2012	-
2013	-

No award has been given in 2012. The NGP award for the year 2013 is under process.

- (b) In the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) prepared by the state under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), 3318 Gram Panchayats have been targeted for aciving the Nirmal Gram status in Maharashtra during 2014-15.

- (c) Funds required for transforming Gram panchayats into Nirmal Grams are provided under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA). Since NBA is a demand driven scheme, hence no State-wise allocations made. However the central funds released to Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year is as under :-

S.N.	Year	Central fund released under NBA (Rs. in crore)
1	2011-12	57.99
2	2012-13	124.09
3	2013-14	36.46
4	2014-15	72.56

(Upto June, 2014)