

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

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NIRMAL BHARAT ABHIYAN
Rathwa Shri Ramsinh Patalyabhai

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

- (a) whether guidelines have been framed to realise the target of 100% sanitation under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the unit cost of construction of Individual House Hold Latrine (IHHL) and incentives being given to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including the criteria/norms adopted for the purpose under NBA;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to Above Poverty Line (APL) families as well and also increase the quantum of subsidy/incentives for IHHL and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to converge NBA with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to allow construction of IHHL, School toilets, Aanganwadi toilets, drainage channel and stabilization pond and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 531 for 14.08.2014.

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. Guidelines for Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) have been issued. The goal of NBA is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022. The assistance provided to individual households for the construction of latrines (IHHLs) is Rs. 10,900/- (Rs 11,400/- for hilly and difficult areas). Financial incentive for construction of IHHLs for all eligible beneficiaries is Rs. 4600/- (Rs. 5100/- for Hilly and Difficult areas) under NBA. In addition, upto Rs. 5400/- can be utilized under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for construction of the toilet. Beneficiary contribution is Rs. 900/-. In addition to all Below Poverty Line Households (BPLs), provision of the Incentives for the construction of IHHL and support from MGNREGS is also available to identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households (all SCs /STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women-headed households).

(c) Provision of incentives for the construction of IHHL already exists for identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households. There is no proposal to increase the quantum of subsidy/incentives for construction.

(d) Convergence of NBA with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is already in place. Upto Rs. 5400/- can be utilized under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for construction of the Individual Household Toilets. Funds from MGNREGS may also be utilised for the construction of Anganwadi toilet units, School Toilet units and Solid and Liquid Waste Management projects including drainage channels and stabilization ponds.