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

- (a) the present status of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the country and its coverage;
- (b) the States that fall short of 100 per cent coverage of rural schools and anganwadis with toilets;
- (c) whether any difficulties/hurdles are being faced in the implementation of NBA;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to remove these difficulties/hurdles which come in the way of speedy and effective implementation of the Scheme?

Answer

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

(a) Government of India administers through the States/UTs, the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the country, which is a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas, including construction of toilets, with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The goal of NBA is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022. Presently the NBA is under implementation in 607 districts of Country. As per Census 2011, 32.70% of the rural families had access to toilets. However, as per NSSO 2012, released in 2013, 40.60% rural households have access to toilets.

(b) With respect to coverage of schools with toilets, the NBA programme provides for construction of toilets in government schools that were built prior to 2007. Schools set up thereafter are also provided toilets under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) launched in 2007. States of Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha and Goa have not fully achieved the targets set under NBA for building school toilets.

The NBA programme provides for construction of toilets in Anganwadis operating in government buildings. States of Goa, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Nagaland and Odisha have not fully achieved the targets set under NBA for building Anganwadi toilets.

(c) and (d) The following are the major difficulties coming in the way of its implementation :-

The biggest challenge before us is triggering behaviour change in vast section of rural population regarding need to use toilets.

A large number of people also defecate in the open because they cannot afford to build a toilet from their own resources.

(e) The following steps have been taken up under the NBA to speed up implementation:-

In addition to Below Poverty Line (BPL) Households, incentives for the construction of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) have extended to identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households (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 upto Rs. 5400/- can be utilized under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for construction of the toilet. Along-with beneficiary contribution of Rs. 900/-, the total unit cost of toilet is now Rs. 10,900/- (Rs 11,400/- for hilly and difficult areas).

More emphasis on Information Education Communication (IEC).with earmarked 15% of the total outlay of district projects for IEC activities.

A conjoint approach 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.

Recasting the component of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) to a project mode approach in convergence with MGNREGS.

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.