

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1136

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure water supply in toilets constructed in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the body/organization which have been entrusted with the responsibility of cleanliness and maintenance of these toilets;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to institutionalize the integration of water supply with sanitation in each habitation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Yes Madam. The Ministry has adopted a conjoint approach to water supply and sanitation. States have been asked to prepare their Annual Plans in such a way that Gram Panchayats (GPs) where the habitations have access to piped water supply are prioritised for coverage with toilets under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), while GPs which are fully covered with household toilets are prioritised for provision of piped water supply under the National Rural drinking Water programme (NRDWP).
- (c) The maintenance of Individual Household Sanitary Toilet is to be done by the households themselves. The maintenance of Community Sanitary Complexes is to be carried out by the Gram Panchayats through appropriate mechanisms set up for the purpose. Schools and Anganwadi toilets built under the NBA are to be maintained by the respective institutions.
- (d) and (e) The mechanism to institutionalize the integration of water supply with sanitation in each habitation already exists as indicated in reply to part (a) and (b) of the question.