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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India has the world's largest population that defecate in the open;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the country open defecation-free;
- (c) the number of public/community toilets in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal To construct bath-cum-toilet facilities in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Government of India administers through the States/UTs, the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the country, 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 objective of NBA is to achieve sustainable behavior change with provision of sanitary facilities in entire communities in a phased, saturation mode with 'Nirmal Grams' as outcomes. The goal of NBA is to achieve 100% access to sanitation for all rural households by 2022.

Under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), following steps have been taken for accelerated sanitation coverage:-

In addition to Below Poverty Line (BPL) Households, provision of incentives for the construction of HH 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 up to 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 will) 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.

(c) The number of public/community toilets constructed under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/ Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the country upto June, 2014, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-1.

(d) Under NBA there is no provision of bath with Individual household latrines. However, in Community Sanitary Complexes constructed under NBA, bathing cubicles, washing platforms and wash basins are an integral part.