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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS UNDER CSR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his Independence Day Speech this year has outlined the need for construction of separate toilets for boys and girls in schools within a year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is facing shortage of funds for the above purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to meet the funds crunch;

(c) whether Prime Minister has also appealed to the corporate sector to build toilets in schools under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(d) if so, the response of the Corporate Sector thereto; and

(e) whether any specific guidelines have been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e) Yes Madam. The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15th August, 2014 gave a call to the nation that every school have toilets within one year, with a separate girls' toilet. He called upon the corporate sector to use their corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds for this national endeavour.

Central share of Rs. 3252.78 crore has been released to States and Union Territories (UTs) during 2014-15 till 31st October, 2014 for school infrastructure including construction of toilets under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programme. Till date 2.24 lakh schools have been blocked for construction of new toilets and renovation of dysfunctional toilets by PSUs / private corporates and against sanctions under the SSA and the RMSA programmes. A website on Swachh Bharat : Swachh Vidyalaya has been designed to facilitate public sector undertaking and corporates, as well as State Government / UTs administration to reserve schools for construction and upload progress of construction as well as achieve coverage in a coordinated way.