

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS

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

- (a) the target fixed for construction of toilets in the country for the next five years;
- (b) the details of action plan prepared by the Government to achieve this target;
- (c) whether complaints have been received regarding misappropriation of funds being provided for construction of toilets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct 48,000 toilets every day in rural areas under Swachhata Abhiyan;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action plan chalked out therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (g) the growth rate of construction of toilets in the country at present; and
- (h) whether there has been decrease in the growth rate during the last few years and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government thereon and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) As per the Baseline Survey on Sanitation 2013, 11.11 crore household toilets have to be constructed in the next 5 years. Out of this, 8.84 crore households are eligible to receive Incentives under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM(G)}, or support under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS).

(b) The targets fixed under the SBM(G), being implemented by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation for the construction of toilets in the next five years is as under :-

Component	Year	Total					
	Number	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	
No. of Individual household latrines (in Cr.) to be constructed		0.6	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.84	6.84

Further, 2 crore IHHLs will be constructed by Ministry of Rural Development under MNREGS and the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). The remaining 2.27 crore Households are to be motivated to build their own toilets. This may be supported inter-alia, through the provision of low interest loans and microfinance from financial institutions.

(c) & (d) Complaints are received from various quarters, basically on implementation of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA)/Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) at the State level. As sanitation is a state subject and the NBA/SBM(G) programme is implemented through the states/UTs, such complaints are immediately forwarded to respective State/UT Governments for appropriate corrective measures.

(e) & (f) Refer to reply (b).

(g) The growth rate of construction of toilets in the country has been around 3% of the total number of households for the past two years.

(h) The provision for part funding of Individual household latrines from MGNREGS, was a major hindrance in the implementation of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) programme. This led to substantial slowdown of construction of toilets under TSC/NBA, from 87.98 lakh household toilet units in 2011-12 to 45.59 lakh in 2012-13 & 49.63 lakh units in 2013-14. The Government of India identified the flaw in the design of programme and through a Cabinet decision on 24-9-2014 inter-alia decided to discontinue the part funding of Individual household latrines from MGNREGS and provide the entire funding from the new Swachh Bharat Mission (G), launched on 2/10/2014.