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title: Need to increase the amount of grant for construction of toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission in urban areas.

**SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD) :** This Government through the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has taken long strides in improving hygiene, sanitation and as a consequence, sanitation scenario in the country has improved. In respect of SBM, against expected outcome of 50 lakh for individual household toilets for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 toilets were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% as compared to the set target. Of these, 49.49 lakh household toilets were constructed after launch of SBM indicating more than 446% increase in construction of toilets after the Launch of SBM (Gramin) as compared to pre SBM. In order to incentivize construction of toilets, the Government gives grant of Rs.12,000 to 15,000 for SC/ST in rural areas. However, in urban areas only Rs.4000 is given. For urban poor, it is too little. Hence, I urge the Government to look into the matter and increase the amount given to construct toilets in urban areas.