

Public toilets in rural areas

797. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public toilets built by Government in rural areas during the last three years and during the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey/follow-up to check/ensure operationality of and access to such public toilets and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of public toilets proposed to be built during the current year and the future plan for provision of the same; and

(d) the funds required and allocated for building public toilets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) The number of Community Sanitary Complexes constructed in rural areas during the last three years and during the current year under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM-G) is as under :

Year	Number of Community Sanitary Complex constructed
2011-12	2547
2012-13	1995
2013-14	1530
2014-15	315
(Upto 22 November, 2014)	

(b) Yes Sir. Evaluation Study on Total Sanitation Campaign done in 2013 by Program Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission reported that the maintenance of Community Sanitary Complexes is the biggest problem. Usually, after construction the Community Sanitary Complexes are handed-over to Gram Panchayats for Operation and Maintenance. Many Community Sanitary Complexes are not operational due to inadequate maintenance.

(c) The Community Sanitary Complexes shall be constructed only on demand of the Gram Panchayats and after ensuring that adequate Operation and Maintenance arrangement are in place.

(d) The unit assistance available for construction of Community Sanitary Complex is ₹2 lakh under SBM (G). Sharing pattern for the assistance amongst Central Government, State Government and the Community is in the ratio of 60:30:10. Fund requirement for this shall be provided under the Swachh Bharat Mission (G) as per demand from the States.

Sanitation condition in rural areas

798. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanitation conditions in rural areas are worse and close to half of households defecate in the open;

(b) whether half of Indian households do not have drainage connectivity either and less than 20 per cent have closed drains and just over 10 per cent of the country have a toilet with a flush connected to a piped water system;

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve sanitation conditions in rural areas; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to give financial aid to rural households to construct lavatory in their houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) launched on 2nd October, 2014, aims *inter-alia* at attaining a Open Defecation Free India by 2nd October, 2019 by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households. Under the programme, assistance is provided in the form of incentives for Individual Household Latrines and funding for Community Sanitary Complexes and Solid and Liquid Waste Management projects.

(d) Yes Sir. Under the SBM (G), an Incentive of ₹12000 is available for the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) to all BPL households and to identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households (all SCs/STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women-headed households).

Drinking water facility in villages

799. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 11 per cent villages in the country do not have drinking water facilities;