

Household toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

2960. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Households toilets that are going to be constructed under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per reports precedence would be given to households with women, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the impact flush toilets would have on the water resources of this country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, based on census data of 2011, 104.1 Lakh Household Toilets are proposed to be constructed by 2018-19 in all statutory towns of the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed that priority shall be accorded pro-actively to cover households with vulnerable sections such as pensioners, girl child, pregnant and lactating mothers. Toilets will help to prevent the pollution of water resources and ensure cleanliness and hygiene in public places.

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2961. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) and the guidelines issued thereunder and the details of the strategy adopted to achieve the said objectives;
- (b) the amount of funds released to the States/Union Territories and its utilization under SBA during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government has received any complaints about misappropriation of funds under SBA, if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any initiative to improve rural participation under SBA, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Government of India has launched "Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)" on 2nd October, 2014 with the following objectives:-