

schemes. During the current year 2015-16, the State has already targeted 65 habitations for coverage with safe drinking water through ongoing piped water supply schemes. The State Government of Odisha has *inter-alia* decided to take funding from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for commissioning a mega piped water supply scheme to cover entire Nuapada district, as a part of long term sustainable solution.

Open defecation

1457. SHRI K. K. RAGESH : Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of steps taken to achieve the Twelfth Five Year Plan targets that 50 per cent of the Gram Panchayats in India attain Nirmal Gram status and that the Panchayats attain full sanitation coverage and complete elimination of the practice of open defecation, by the year 2017; and

(b) the details of progress achieved so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. Under this programme, the provision of incentive for the construction of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) has been raised from ₹ 10000 to ₹ 12000 for all Below Poverty Line (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). Further, partial funding of incentive from MGNREGS has been stopped, since that was leading to in-efficiency in implementation. In the new programme, emphasis is laid on behaviour change and community participation. Partnerships with various Stakeholders working on rural sanitation including multilateral organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Institutions etc. is also being promoted.

(b) State/UT-wise % rural households with toilets as on 29.7.2015 is given in the Statement.

Statement*State/UT-wise % rural households with toilet as on 29.7.2015*

Sl. No.	State/UT	% Households with toilet as on 29-7-2015
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	53.77
2.	Andhra Pradesh	39.35
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	57.87
4.	Assam	48.04
5.	Bihar	23.19
6.	Chhattisgarh	42.50
7.	Goa	60.72
8.	Gujarat	60.80
9.	Haryana	83.04
10.	Himachal Pradesh	91.58
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	29.60
12.	Jharkhand	32.06
13.	Karnataka	51.90
14.	Kerala	96.19
15.	Madhya Pradesh	35.49
16.	Maharashtra	57.36
17.	Manipur	68.97
18.	Meghalaya	71.05
19.	Mizoram	78.15
20.	Nagaland	60.66
21.	Odisha	15.29
22.	Puducherry	50.01

Sl. No.	State/UT	% Households with toilet as on 29-7-2015
23.	Punjab	75.70
24.	Rajasthan	38.00
25.	Sikkim	95.37
26.	Tamil Nadu	52.36
27.	Telangana	33.69
28.	Tripura	66.98
29.	Uttar Pradesh	40.53
30.	Uttarakhand	77.71
31.	West Bengal	68.31
		45.90

Curriculum framing project in NCERT

1458. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal to change curriculum framing project in NCERT and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): There is no such proposal currently under consideration.

Rameswaram-Thalaimannar Highway

1459. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having a time-bound programme to construct Rameswaram-Thalaimannar (Sri Lanka) Highway under finance from the Asian Development Bank; and

(b) if so, whether shipping transport would also be taken care of as it is done between Mandapam and Rameswaram?