

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 62
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2025**

GUIDELINES FOR WOMEN'S WASHROOM IN HEALTH CENTRES

62. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

Will the Minister for HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether specific measures have been taken to ensure safe, hygienic and functioning washrooms for female staff in Centrally-funded Public Health Centres such as Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres and Community Health Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including measures to combat pendency in the construction of public washrooms; and
- (c) whether Government has commenced the rollout of transgender washrooms as per operational guidelines of Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a) & (b): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) issues National Building Code of India 2016 (NBCI) for construction of building with other facilities including construction of separate toilets for male and female staffs in hospital. NBCI is an important national instrument providing comprehensive recommendations and detailed guidelines on the rules and regulations to be followed for constructing buildings both by the public construction agencies/authorities and the private builders/developers.

(c): A key focus under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is to ensure that every citizen has access to sanitation facilities and these facilities are constructed in a gender friendly manner (separate facilities for men, women and transgenders). Operational guidelines of SBM-U 2.0 emphasizes ULBs to give special focus on sanitation and waste management needs of the urban poor (especially slum dwellers) and other vulnerable groups (senior citizens, girls, pregnant and lactating mothers, especially-abled, third gender groups, migrants, homeless, construction labour etc.). To ensure comprehensive planning and sustainability of any toilet infrastructure, MoHUA has issued advisory time to time on community and public toilets wherein a Gender (especially women) needs checklist has been provided.
