GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 706

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY, 2021

"Status of construction of toilets by CPSEs"

706: SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports on the construction of toilets by the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) showed glaring inconsistencies and gaps in implementation including non-existent, partially-constructed and poorly-maintained toilets;
(b) if so, the steps taken against such PSEs for allegedly mismanaging the public money
(c) whether there is any scope of misappropriation of funds given for toilet construction by the CPSEs officials; and
(d) the details of the number of officials reprimanded or punished for such poor performance, including names, designations and exact action taken against such officials?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) , (b), (c) & (d): As per the information furnished by Ministry of Education, the Ministry in association with the State Governments, UT Administrations, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and Private Corporates had launched the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative in 2014 to provide separate toilets for boys and girls in all government schools within one year. Under this initiative, 4,17,796 toilets had been constructed/reconstructed in 2,61,400 Government elementary and secondary schools till 15 August, 2015.

The Ministry of Education had requested the CPSEs who participated in the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative on 31st January, 2017 to maintain the toilets constructed/ reconstructed by them for at least five year. Recently, a CAG report (Report No. 21 of 2019) regarding Construction of Toilets in School by CPSEs was received by Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education has again requested the administrative Ministries/ Departments of concerned CPSEs on 3rd November, 2020 for rectification of shortcomings pointed out in CAG Report and to consider maintenance of school toilets constructed/ reconstructed by the CPSEs under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative, for atleast next five years. As the CPSEs function under administrative control of Ministries/ Departments, the requisite action with regard to the request of Ministry of Education is required to be taken by the CPSEs & concerned Ministries/ Departments.

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