

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2131**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH, 20, 2023**

**PUBLIC TOILETS CONSTRUCTED UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (URBAN)**

**NO. 2131 SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA:**

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

- (a) the number of public toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) during the last three years in North Eastern States, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is lack of adequate public toilets in the country leading to poor sanitation; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**  
**(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) : The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is in operation since October, 2014 under which the details of the Public Toilet/Community Toilet (CT/PT) constructed are maintained on a cumulative basis. The State-wise details of the Public Toilet/Community Toilet (CT/PT) constructed in North Eastern States under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is as under:

S. No.	State	till February, 2023
1	Arunachal Pradesh	89
2	Assam	3,356
3	Manipur	581
4	Meghalaya	152
5	Mizoram	1324
6	Nagaland	238
7	Sikkim	268
8	Tripura	1,089

(b) & (c) : Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U) was launched on 2nd October, 2014 with one of the objectives being to make the urban areas Open Defecation Free (ODF). This has been achieved with the construction of 62.81 lakh Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) units and construction of 6.36 lakh Community Toilet/Public Toilet (CT/PT) seats under the Mission. To strengthen and sustain sanitation outcomes, Central Financial Assistance is provided for construction of IHHL and CT/PT. Importantly, sustained IEC efforts are being made for behaviour change. In addition, under SBM-U 2.0 launched during October, 2021, enhanced focus is on functional CT/PT through proper Operation and Maintenance. Further, under ODF protocol, ODF claims of cities' is verified by an independent third party and therefore, the ULBs have to achieve 100% targets in construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and Community/Public Toilets (CT/PTs) and ensure that all the CT/PTs and Standalone Urinals are functional and well maintained.

Under SBM-U 2.0 launched during October, 2021, Central Financial Assistance is also provided for construction of Aspirational Toilets in tourist destinations/ places with high footfall/ iconic cities/ religious destinations.

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