

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3581
TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 03, 2023
CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TOILETS UNDER SBA

NO. 3581. SHRIKAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the lack of adequate public toilets in the country leads to poor sanitation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of public toilets constructed during the last two years in Assam under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA); and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for Assam under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) during the said period?

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

(a) & (b) : 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.

Under SBM-U 2.0 launched during October, 2021, in addition to IHHL and CT/PT, Central Financial Assistance is also provided for construction of aspirational toilets in tourist destinations/ places with high footfall/ iconic cities/ religious destinations. Further, enhanced focus is made on functional CT/PT through proper Operation and Maintenance. ODF claims of cities' is also verified annually by an independent third party..

(c) : The SBM-U 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. As of now, as reported by the State, 3,356 seats of Public Toilet/Community Toilet (CT/PT) have been constructed in Assam under SBM – U.

(d) : Central allocation, central share released and utilized during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 under SBM – U and SBM – U 2.0 for the State of Assam is given under. The utilization certificates against the funds released become due after lapse of one year.

(in ₹. Crore)

S. No.	Mission Phase	Allocation	Fund released				Utilized
			Upto 2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
1	SBM – U (2014-2021)	244.30	200.80	3.34	3.34	-	152.52
2	SBM – U 2.0 (2021-2026)	503.30	NA	NA	5.76	70.40	-
