

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2016

Assistance for Toilets

4676. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAYPANDA:

Will the Minister of **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government was requested during the last one year by organisations such as Sulabh International Social Service Organisation to increase the amount of financial assistance given to gram panchayats to build toilets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the assistance provided to Gram Panchayats for construction of a toilet is not sufficient for constructing a good quality of toilet and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to monitor and verify the quality of the toilets that are being built under Swachh Bharat Mission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) to (c) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM(G)) is to be implemented as a Janandolan with participation of all sections of society and focusing on behaviour change of the community to adopt safe sanitation practices. It is not a supply driven toilet construction programme. Nevertheless, under SBM(G), the incentive to eligible beneficiaries for construction of toilet was increased from Rs. 10000 to Rs. 12000 with effect from 2nd October, 2014. This Rs. 12,000 per toilet is not a reimbursement of the cost of the toilet, which may be lower or higher than this incentive amount, depending upon several factors. This is only an incentive amount to be paid to the household for stopping open defecation.

(d) and (e) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programme. The programme data, upto household level is available in the public domain through the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G). A **Mobile application** for uploading photographs of toilets constructed after 2.10.2014 has also been developed. This is supplemented through review of the programme through regular meetings with the States, video conferencing and visits to the States by officials of the Ministry. Third party evaluation is also carried out. A mobile application called **Swachhapp** also allows any citizen to view and rate the progress made under SBM(G) in any part of the country right upto the household level.