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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2185

TO BE ANSWERED ON March 15, 2017

ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC TOILETS

No. 2185            SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of efforts made/being made to make public toilets, Reverse Machine Vending-equipped toilets more accessible to the people in urban areas;
- (b) whether Google Toilet Locator app has been launched in the National Capital Region (NCR) and is likely to be introduced in other States; and
- (c) if so, the names of such States and the time by which the app is likely to be introduced?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), States and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) need to ensure that a sufficient number of public toilets are constructed in each city. As per the protocol for declaring a city/ward Open Defecation Free (ODF), as defined by the Ministry, all commercial areas should have public toilets within a distance of 1 kilometre. Reverse Vending Machine which receives plastic bottles and tin cans, provides coupon as gift to the waste

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disposer is a new concept in India. These machines are presently imported in small numbers by entrepreneurs and are designed only to receive specific waste such as empty plastic bottles and tin cans of beverages bearing a barcode. Few of such machines are installed in New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) area and in Mumbai.

(b) & (c): Google Toilet Locator, an android application, to locate public toilets was launched by Government of India on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016. This was developed in collaboration with Google with the view that access and usage of public toilets would be greatly facilitated for citizens. Presently this application has been used by the citizens of cities namely, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Noida, Indore, Bhopal and Delhi also.

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