

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1354

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SEPARATE TOILETS FOR GIRLS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN BIHAR

1354. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for the construction of separate toilets for girls in Government schools of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of separate toilets constructed for girls in all the primary, middle and high schools so far in Bihar;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey about the functioning of the toilets constructed so far;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial support is provided to States and UTs including the State of Bihar for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities including separate toilets for boys and girls. A provision of Rs. 997.92 lakh has been made for construction of 462 separate toilets for girls in Bihar, for F.Y. 2023-24. The Samagra Shiksha scheme provides for an annual recurring composite school grant varying up to Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum depending upon the

number of students, for all government schools, out of which at least 10% is meant for activities related to the Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) for hygiene and sanitation.

(c): The Number of Girls Toilets in Girls and Co-Ed Schools at Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level in the state of Bihar is 46978, 59067, 10167 and 23388 respectively. (Source UDISE+ 2021-22)

(d) to (f): As per information provided by the State Government of Bihar, a survey conducted in August 2023 revealed that 25,688 toilet units in 15,701 schools were dysfunctional. State Government has also informed that they have an action plan in place to address this issue and has a housekeeping service to ensure regular cleanliness of toilets.
