

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2412
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2024**

SURVEY FOR TOILET CONSTRUCTION

2412. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has directed the States and Union Territories to conduct ground level surveys to identify existing gaps and expedite the construction of individual household toilets, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether Government has also directed to all the States and Union Territories to organize registration drives and camps to ensure that all beneficiaries receive timely sanction orders for toilet construction; and**
- (c) whether it is a fact that according to Government, more than twelve crore toilets have been built and the scope of toilet coverage reached 100%, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a) to (c): Ministry of Rural Development has not issued any direction to States and Union Territories to conduct ground level surveys to identify existing gaps and expedite the construction of individual household toilets. However, as informed by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] has been launched with effect from 1st April, 2020 for a period of 5 years with the objective to sustain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and achieve ODF Plus Model villages. Realizing that the task of constructing toilets is a continuous process and not a one-time activity, as there are continuously new emerging

households, migrant households etc., which will require Toilets, construction of new Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHLs) (Toilets) continues to be the first charge on SBM(G) funds and States are advised continuously to plan for left out toilets and address this gap on priority. In co-ordination with the Pradhan ManriAwaasYojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) programme also, there is a provision to provide toilets to eligible beneficiaries alongwith the house from SBM(G) funds. In addition to this, as informed by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are advised to conduct gap analysis to evaluate the number of new IHHLs required.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen Phase-I, between 2014-15 and 2019-20, over 10.14 crore Individual Households Latrines (IHHLs) were constructed. In Phase II of the programme, almost 1.60 crore toilets have been built in the last 4 years and current year. Accordingly, provisioning for toilets is a demand based continuous process. Similarly, as informed by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, so far 63.71 lakh IHHL units have been constructed against the target of 58.99 lakh IHHL units and 6.36 lakh Community and Public Toilets have been constructed against the target of 5.07 lakh Community and Public Toilets. Further, under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, construction of toilet is a permissible activity under which 56.81 lakh toilets have been constructed so far.
