

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NIRMAL GRAM YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages which participated in the Nirmal Gram Yojana throughout the country;
- (b) the number of sanitary blocks constructed under this yojana; (
- (c) the targets set and the achievements made by the Government towards total sanitation of villages thereunder since inception of the yojana;
- (d) whether special incentives are proposed to be given to zila parishads for implementing the yojana effectively;
- (e) if so, details thereof; and
- (f) the steps the Government is taking in the States where there is poor response to this yojana?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.NARENDRA)

- (a) 1887 applications were received from Panchayati Raj Institutions for Nirmal Gram Puraskar.
- (b) 7468 number of sanitary blocks/complexes were constructed under Total Sanitation Campaign programme since its inception in 1999.
- (c) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is a demand driven programme and therefore fixing targets is not possible.
- (d) & (e) To add vigour to TSC implementation, Government of India launched an award scheme called the 'Nirmal Gram Puraskar' in Oct.2003 for fully sanitised and open defecation free Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts. The incentive pattern based on population criteria is as given below: -

(Rupees in lakh)

| S. No. | Particulars | Gram Panchayat | Block | District |
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| 1. Population Criteria | Upto 5001 | Upto 50001 | Upto 50000 and above | Above 10 lakh |
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| 2. Cash Incentive Recommended | 2.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 | 50.0 |
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| 3. Incentive to Individuals | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.30 |
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| 4. Incentive to Organisation/s other than PRIs | 0.20 | 0.35 | 0.50 |
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- (f) 15% of funds of TSC project funds in each district, have been earmarked for undertaking Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities for awareness generation of rural people for bringing the change in mindset and adopting safe sanitation facilities to make the villages open defecation free. State Govts. are approached at various levels – Chief Ministers, State Ministers for promoting and generating political will for its effective implementation, People's representatives i.e. Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly are also being requested to promote the programme.