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**Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative to Ensure Toilets in All Government Schools**New Delhi, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Ministry of Human Resource Development had taken Swachh Vidyalaya initiative to provide separate toilets for girls and boys in all Government schools within one year upto 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The target fixed under the initiative was achieved with construction/re-construction of 4,17,796 toilets in 2,61,400 Government elementary and secondary schools.

64 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) participated in construction of school toilets under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative.

Ministry of Human Resource Development released a handbook and pamphlet on Swachh Bharat: Swachh Vidyalaya indicating normative details for construction of toilet blocks under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative. The primary responsibility of building of toilets in school and monitoring its construction process lies with the respective State. More than 300 central observers visited the districts across the country to monitor the construction of toilet under the initiative. Further, the Ministry has advised all State Governments and UT Administrations to ensure proper maintenance of school toilets constructed under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative to keep them functional and also to take steps to bring about behavioural changes among students and teachers through an intensive awareness campaign so that the schools toilets are properly used, and kept neat and clean.

This Department has allocated specific funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) schemes to support States and UTs for maintenance of Government elementary schools including toilets and for construction of toilets in secondary schools respectively, for implementing Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) during 2017-18.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has also advised the Panchayati Raj Departments of all States to include the provision for construction of toilets, filling up of gaps in provision of toilets, rehabilitation of existing toilets and drinking water system in schools and regular repair of toilets and drinking water systems in schools, in the Gram Panchayat Development Plans.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Shri Upendra Kushwaha today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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