

FAQs on the Swachh Bharat Mission Components

I. General Questions

Q1. What is the total outlay for the States/UTs and what is the outlay for the current year?

Ans: Available on swachhbharaturban.gov.in.

Q2. Till when can I claim money for the 1st installment in the current year?

Ans: The money can be claimed till 25th March 2015 to enable sufficient processing time.

Q3. Is it necessary to verify the Census data on individual toilets before seeking the 1st installment?

Ans: No. The 1st installment should be claimed as per Annexure IV given in the guidelines (available on the website). The verification of the Census data can be a simultaneous process and should not be linked this stage.

Q4. Is it necessary to provide City Sanitation Plan and State Sanitation Strategy before seeking 1st installment?

Ans: No. For the 1st installment, only Annexure IV is required to be filled and it is only while seeking the 2nd installment, are the CSP and SSS required.

II. Individual Household Toilets

Q1. What is the amount available as 1st instalment for individual toilets?

Ans: Rs 2000/ as Central share. The second installment of Rs 2000 central share would be released later after utilization of the 1st installment and other conditions.

Q2. What is the total assistance available for construction of an individual toilet?

Ans: The assistance is Rs 4000/- from the Central Government and an amount of Rs 1333/- at least from the State Government. However in the case of the North East States, the states are required to contribute only Rs 400/- per individual toilet. However, there is no bar on releasing any extra funds at any stage by the ULB/State Government through additional resources.

Q3. What is the basis of arriving at the above figures?

Ans: For the Swachh Bharat Mission, the Centre and the State/UT shall be responsible to bear any contribution in a 75:25 ratio (except the NE and special category states, where it is 90:10) . Thus where the Centre is pledging Rs 4000/, the State/UT shall contribute Rs 4000 x (25/75) = Rs 1333,33/- for each household. ((In case of the NE and special category states, the State shall contribute Rs400/-)

Q4. What is the definition of a toilet to fulfill the requirement under the Mission?

Ans: A toilet constructed under the Mission must provide hygienic conditions once completed. Thus the prerequisites of the toilet are-

a) Supply of clean water for cleaning the pot and the user's own self. (This may be running water through a pipe or in a bucket).

b) Safe disposal of Excreta – which consists of excreta proper (faeces+ urine) and the anal cleaning water discharged during ablution.

Q5. My household is occupying Railway land. We do not have any proof of the ownership. Are we still eligible for assistance?

Ans: Yes, provided the Municipal corporation is satisfied that the individual toilet is required as opposed to building toilet for a group of neighbouring houses that may be combined in a complex.

Q6. I already have a toilet in my house, however it is insanitary which is emptying its contents in open drains. Are we eligible?

Ans: Yes, with the same conditions as described in Ans No 5.

Q7. I already have a pour flush toilet, but it is single leach pit. Am I eligible?

Ans: Yes, with the same conditions as described in Ans No 5.

Q8. Can I use the money to connect my household toilet to the public sewer system running in close vicinity to my home?

Ans: Yes provided the toilet is insanitary.

Q9. Can the money be used for building septic tanks if a sewerage system is not available within 30 meters.

Ans: Yes.

Q10. Can the money be used to build a sewerage system if all other component are in place?

Ans: Yes.

Q11. Can persons living in slums avail money for individual toilets?

Ans: Yes.

III. Community Toilets

Q1. How many persons per seat is specified for Community Toilets?

Ans: For Women it is 1 seat for 25 and for Men it is 1 seat for 35.

Q2. What is the expected assistance for construction of community toilets?

Ans: The Central Government will contribute upto 40% of the cost of construction of community toilet as a VGF/ outright grant. As per SBM guidelines, the States/UTs shall provide an additional 13.33% for the said component. The NE and special category states shall be required to contribute 4% only. The balance shall have to be arranged through innovative mechanisms by the urban local body. Some suggestions are provided in SBM Guidelines.

Q3. What is the approximate cost per seat for a community toilet?

Ans: Rs 65,000/-.

Q4. Can old dilapidated toilets be revamped by using Central Assistance?

Ans: Yes, but based on a fresh DPR.

Q5. Can a combined RFP be floated for a Community Toilet/Public Toilet?

Ans: Yes. But the combined toilet should support at least 6 households per seat to be eligible for the Central share. Draft RFPs are available on the MoUD website.

Q6. Can mobile toilets be classified as Community toilets?

Ans: Yes.

Q7. Can the residents of an unauthorized colony request the municipal authorities to provide community toilets?

Ans: Yes.

IV. Solid Waste Management, Capacity building , A&OE and IEC

Q1. Are there empanelled agencies for preparing DPRs for solid waste management?

Ans: Yes. The list is available on the swachhbharaturban.gov.in website.

Q2. Are there empanelled agencies to help prepare CSP and SSS?

Ans: The Central Government is working on this and will be circulating model templates soon. Once agencies are identified, the same would be shared.

Q3. Will the Central Government provide financial help for SWM projects?

Ans: To kick start SWM projects, the Central Government will be providing adequate funds to the State Governments as part of the 1st installment. The State Governments have to fill in Annexure IV to avail of this. The share of the Central Government will be in the form of a maximum 20% Grant/VGF for each Project.

Q4. Will the Central Government help prepare such DPRs for SWM?

Ans: The cost for preparation of DPRs would be funded by the Central Government and the Ministry would be providing model DPRs on the website for guidance. Further support from the Central PMU and State level PMUs will be provided. Best practices will also be shared.

Q5. How will the ULBs be strengthened to carry out this Mission?

Ans: 3% of the Central Allocation has been earmarked for capacity building, administrative and office expenses for the States/ULBs. As soon as the 1st installment is released to the States, this money can be used for the above mentioned activities. The Centre would also supplement these efforts.

Q6. How will I set up my PMU in the State?

Ans: Once the Central Government releases the 1st installment towards Capacity building, this money can be used in setting up the PMU. Though some guidelines will be issued by the Centre in this regard, but the States are free to establish a PMU based on their requirements.

Q7. Can the SUDA be appointed as the Mission Directorate in the State?

Ans: The States are free to appoint whoever they feel is best suited to handle the Swachh Bharat Mission. However, the nodal officer should be clearly defined.

Q8. Who are the nodal officers in the Ministry for SBM?

Ans: Available on swachhbharaturban.gov.in.



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