

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019
Implementation of SBM

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has been implementing Swachh Bharat Mission to provide access to toilet facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including physical and financial progress during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether some States have provided fake data, to show their States as Open Defecation Free;
- (d) if so, current status of ODF districts, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve sanitation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) and (b) The Government had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [(SBM(G))] with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to achieve universal sanitation coverage by 2nd October 2019 by ensuring that all rural households in the country have access to toilet facilities. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. State/UT-wise, number of individual households latrines (IHHLs) constructed as per the data reported by the States/UTs on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G) and the funds released by the Government of India to the States/UTs during the last three years under SBM(G) are given at Annexure-1.

(c) and (d) As per the SBM(G) guidelines, villages and districts declare themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF) through a rigorous process of self-declaration, followed by a multi-level decentralized verification process by the districts and States. Further, as per National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2017-18, conducted by an independent agency, 95.6% of ODF verified villages were confirmed to be ODF. State/UT-wise number of districts which have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 31.01.2010 are given at Annexure-2.

(e) Since the launch of the Swachh Bharat Mission in 2014, States have made tremendous progress with reference to rural sanitation. While sanitation is State subject, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation supports State governments in the implementation of the SBM. Some focus areas are as follows :-

- Focus is being given on community based collective behavior change by massive campaigning at the national and State level.
- Focus is also on the outcome of ODF villages, and not only on construction of individual toilets.
- Given the vast socio-economic-cultural diversity of India, and also from the point of view of promoting innovations, the programme provides flexibility to the States to choose the strategy best suited to them in its implementation.
- Greater emphasis is being given on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management, by imparting training to the States and selected organizations called Key Resource Centres (KRCs), involving District Collectors to provide leadership to the programme at the district level.
- The programme is being run as a jan andolan with cooperation of all sections of the society including the NGOs, corporates, youth etc. The Panchayats are being actively involved.
- Sanitation is being prioritized amongst the overall development agenda. The Government has taken a decision to prioritise all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in ODF villages. Various other development schemes are being converged with the sanitation outcomes.

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