

**Private participation Swachhata Abhiyan**

1378. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the spirit behind the Swachhata Abhiyan the details thereof;
- (b) whether this is limited to Government office, Urban Development Ministry and Rural Development; and
- (c) how individual and private organization could participate in it to make the whole movement as successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO BARAL) : (a) and (b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), joint Mission of the Ministry of Urban Development and the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, emanates from the vision of the Government articulated in the President's address to the Joint Session of the Parliament on 9th June, 2014 as under:-

“We must not tolerate the indignity of homes without toilets and public spaces littered with garbage. For ensuring hygiene, waste management and sanitation across the nation a “Swachh Bharat Mission” will be launched. This will be our tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary to be celebrated in the year 2019.”

The Swachh Bharat Mission launched on 2nd October, 2014 strives to achieve this goal with the participation by all 4041 statutory towns in the country.

- (c) The Government has sought participation of private funding and beneficiary contribution to meet the gap in financing the various components of mission viz. household toilets, community toilets, public toilets and solid waste managements. However, State Governments/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) will initiate the participation of private companies in the Mission. Various awareness campaigns have already been initiated at all levels to create awareness and people's participation in the Mission. State Governments/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) will undertake infrastructure work as per mission guidelines.

**Smart cities between Lucknow and Agra**

1379. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether four smart cities are coming up in between Lucknow and Agra, if so, where the cities are coming up; and