

**Toilet facilities in rural areas**

† 726. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of toilets is not available to 60 per cent of people in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) As on 21.7.2016, 46.72% rural households are without toilet facility as reported by States/UTs on Online Monitoring System maintained by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

(b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM-G} has been launched on 2nd October, 2014. The SBM (G) aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October, 2019 by accelerating sanitation coverage in the rural areas. Under this programme, the following steps have been taken:-

- The focus of the scheme now is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Community based collective behaviour change is mentioned as preferred approach, although the States are free to choose their approach.
- Provision of incentives for the construction of Individual household latrine (IHHL) has been raised to ₹ 12000 for all Below Poverty Line (BPL) households and to identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households (all SCs /STs, small and marginal farmers, landless labourers with homestead, physically handicapped and women-headed households).
- The partial funding of incentive from MGNREGS has been stopped. The entire assistance now being provided under one programme.
- Flexibility has been provided to States in the implementation of the programme.
- Partnerships of various stakeholders working on rural sanitation including Multilateral organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Institutions etc. is being promoted.
- The budget for rural sanitation, was ₹ 2300 crore and ₹ 2850 crore in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. These have been increased to ₹ 6525 crore in 2015-16 and ₹ 9000 crore in 2016-17.
- Focus is on 171 districts for making them Open Defecation Free (ODF) within one year.

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- Government has plan to clean 100 iconic sites in India. On pilot basis 10 iconic places, including 1 from Rajasthan, have been identified to be cleaned up in 1st Phase.
- Extensive monitoring through field visit, review meeting and video conferencing.
- Focus on Namami Gange GPs to make them ODF through Swachh Yug campaign.
- Incentivisation to States through World Bank Project
- Additional funds through Swachh Bharat Kosh.
- State/Regional level workshops involving all the key stakeholders such as Collectors, CEO, Zilla Panchayats, Chairmen Zilla Panchayats etc. are being held.
- Centre-State coordination has been increased.
- Social media [twitter (@swachbharat), Facebook (Swachh Bharat Mission), HIKE and WhatsApp] is being extensively used for sharing innovative ideas and cross-learning.
- An Expert Committee headed by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar to examine various Innovative Technologies has been formed. This committee has enlisted various innovative technologies and a Compendium consisting of such technologies has been published and uploaded in the website of the Ministry for benefits of various stakeholders.
- Quarterly exhibition of innovative technologies - Indovations are being held. Three such exhibitions were organized in New Delhi on 26-27th August 2014, 23-24 January 2015 and 2-3 July 2015 wherein various innovative technologies in respect of Toilet, Solid and Liquid Waste Management and Water Treatment were showcased.

**Use of solar/wind technology for water purification systems**

727. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to use natural energy viz. solar/wind technology for water purification systems;