

(b) During the winter season, in some higher reaches / snow bound areas, the supply of drinking water gets affected temporarily which are restored on priority to ensure supply of potable drinking water to the public.

(c) In snow bound areas, the Department is switching to High Density Polyethylene pipes to ensure regular water supply during winters. Besides, traditional heating means are also used for the purpose. The water supply in affected areas is also supplemented through tanker services.

#### **Targets of Swachh Bharat Mission**

1934. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's flagship programme the Swachh Bharat Mission is not being implemented satisfactorily and is not giving expected results;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken by Government to achieve expected objectives and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM(G)) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October, 2019. The focus of the scheme is on behaviour change and usage of toilets. Against the expected outcome of 50 lakh individual latrines for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% of the target. During 2015-16, 127.41 lakh toilets were constructed against expected outcome of 120.00 lakh. For the year 2016-17, against the expected outcome of 1.5 crore individual latrines, 1,84,30,191 individual latrines (123%) have been constructed as on 16-03-2017. Sanitation Coverage, which was 42.01% on 2.10.2014, has increased to 61.93% on 16-03-2017. A total of 1,74,242 Villages, 81,595 Gram Panchayats, 1,118 Blocks and 118 District have declared themselves as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 16-03-2017. In addition, 3 States namely Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala have also been declared ODF.

(c) Under SBM(G), the following measures have been taken to accelerate the programme:—

- Focus on behaviour change: Community based collective behaviour change

has been mentioned as the preferred approach. Focus is also on creation of complete open defecation free (ODF) villages.

- The programme provides flexibility to the States in the implementation. This is essential, given the vast socio-economic-cultural diversity of India.
- There is a greater emphasis on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management. More than 530 Collectors from across the country have been trained. In order to provide exposure to officers at their entry level itself, a training module has been developed for LBSNAA, Mussoorie. The IAS and other Group A probationers are being given training for better implementation of SBM(G), including 'triggering' behavior change in communities.
- The programme is being run as a *janandolan* with cooperation of all sections of the society including the NGOs, Corporates, youth etc. The Panchayats are being actively involved.
- There is an emphasis on streamlining administrative and financial procedures, both to cut down on time, as well as to increase accountability.
- Innovations in technology is being promoted at the National and State levels. There is a National Committee under Prof. R.A.Mashelkar that examines all new technologies from the point of view of safety and feasibility.
- Sanitation is being prioritized amongst the overall development agenda. The Government has taken a decision to prioritise all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in ODF villages.
- Monitoring and Evaluation has also been strengthened. The IMIS has data up to household level, with provision to capture geo-tagged photographs of toilets. A Swachhta App has been developed that provides online information on sanitation status up to household level.

#### **Status of implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes**

1935. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing drinking water and sanitation schemes under implementation in the country, State-wise/ UT-wise;