

Kerala, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Gujarat and Chandigarh have been declared ODF. Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is demand driven scheme, therefore, State/UT-wise funds are not allocated. However, State/UT-wise, central share released and utilized under SBM(G) during last 3 years and current year is given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 193 (Part (b))]

(b) Submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs) and its supporting documents standing provisions under the Guidelines of the SBM-G. States/UTs have to furnish the details of utilized and un-utilized funds by/with them and submit documents for release of funds under SBM (G). This Ministry has received UC upto 2016-17 from Jharkhand and in respect of Gujarat, UC received upto 2015-16. There is also system of Integrated Mass Information System (IMIS) to monitor the expenditure of the States/UTs.

(c) This Ministry regularly reviews the SBM(G) programme through a series of review meetings with States including Video Conferences. This Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring of the Programme through periodic visit of Ministry's officials and National Level Monitors. An on-line monitoring has been strengthened and transparency increased in the implementation of the Programme of SBM(G) by making all the data including the names and addresses of the beneficiaries of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) available in the public domain/on-line monitoring system. A Mobile application for uploading photographs of toilets constructed after 2.10.2014 is being developed. A mobile application called Swachh app also allows any citizen to view the progress made under SBM(G) in any part of the country right upto the household level.

Cloud Seeding for artificial rain

201. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has turned down the state Governments' plans to go for cloud Seeding to induce artificial rain recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has advised the State Governments that they will have to bear the exorbitant cost of the programme and that the results in stimulating artificial rain might not be effective in tune with the expenses incurred; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY): (a) No Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

- (c) No Sir.

- (d) Does not arise.

Impact of EL Nino weather patterns

202. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to emerge unscathed from the EL Nino weather patterns as it is expected to set in only during the latter part of the four month monsoon season;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country would have timely arrival of rains; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY): (a) and (b) Climate Models at present suggest that El Nino will not develop before the 2018 monsoon season and neutral conditions are likely to prevail.

(c) and (d) It is a bit early to confirm this aspect as we need to closely monitor other global parameters, which may be evolving in the next few months. India Meteorological Department issues the first long-range monsoon forecast by April every year.

Compensatory afforestation on forest land

203. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of compensatory afforestation on forest land and on non-forest