

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
28.	Tripura	1	8	7	6	0	22
29.	Uttar Pradesh	1	76	3	3	0	83
30.	Uttarakhand	0	29	1	14	0	44
31.	West Bengal	1	19	1	199	0	220
TOTAL		28	746	284	1136	104	2298

Adequate water supply in SBM toilets

2754. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate water supply is available for use in toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, steps taken by Government to ensure proper availability of water for use in the toilets built under the SBM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) to (c) As per Swachhata Status Report 2016, published by National Sample Survey Office, 93.9% of the rural households having toilet had access to water for use in toilets. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)[SBM(G)], the incentive for individual toilet has been increased from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 12,000 to provide for water availability, including for storing water for hand-washing and cleaning. The SBM(G) and National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines also provide for convergence towards implementation of the programmes of sanitation and water, and to maximize the availability of water for sanitation purposes. Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared villages are being prioritized for providing Piped Water Supply Schemes (PWSS) under NRDWP.

Report on sanitation coverage

2755. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages and the percentage of villages which have sanitation coverage in the country; and

(b) the details of findings of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development 2017-18 Report on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) Government had launched 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 providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households in the country. The programme covers all the rural areas of the country. The rural sanitation coverage in the country which was 38.7% as on 2.10.2014 has now increased to 98.5%. As a result, out of the total 6,00,677 villages. 5,41,748 villages have become Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 4.1.2019.

(b) As per Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development 2017-18, the performance under SBM (G) in some of the big States *i.e.* Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir etc. was dismal. The Report pertains to the period 2017-18. Since then, a lot of progress has been made and the sanitation coverage in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Jammu and Kashmir have increased to 98.97%, 100%, 77.81% and 100%) respectively as on 04.01.2019.

Project proposal for fostering research collaborations

2756. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had called research proposals in paleoclimates, sea level changes, CO₂ sequestration, reactive nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon cycles, coral reefs and ocean acidification with reference to climate change during June, 2018;

(b) if so, total number of proposals received, approved, rejected, field-wise;

(c) if so, whether a project entitled 'Climate change database for impact assessment and development, adaption and mitigation options for Kerala : a multidisciplinary simulation and modelling' has been received on 11 June, 2018; and

(d) if so, the present status and steps taken to process the project, in the light of recent floods which occurred in the State at Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Yes Sir. Through a Nation-wide call by publishing an advertisement on the Ministry's website.