

**Audit of Swachh Bharat Mission**

214. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether any audit of the Swachh Bharat Mission has been conducted since its inception; and;

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (b) Annual audit of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been undertaken by the Office of Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure) till the financial year 2017-18. All the observations/queries raised by the Audit Party during the audit were replied/clarified.

**Reuse of faecal sludge**

215. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as more and more villages are getting Open Defecation Free in the country, it is creating a problem for solid waste management;

(b) if so, whether Government has come up with any policy for the reuse of faecal sludge;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (d) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), for disposal of human excreta, use of safe and eco-friendly onsite sanitation technologies such as twin leach pit toilets are encouraged. Under this technology, human faeces automatically becomes manure in 1-2 years.

**Decrease in groundwater level in the country**

†216. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that groundwater level is continuously decreasing in a very large terrain in the country;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.