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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.732**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

**IMPACT OF COVID ON SBM**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) details of districts covered under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on above identified districts since implementation of SBM, district-wise and year-wise;
- (c) details of physical targets set and achieved under SBM; and
- (d) whether there is any impact on SBM due to COVID and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

- (a) All the districts of Andhra Pradesh are covered under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)].
- (b) Under SBM(G), funds are released to the State Government for the State as a whole. Further distribution of the same to Districts/Blocks/Gram Panchayats is done by the State Government. The details of Centre share funds released to Andhra Pradesh since 2014-15 and the expenditure reported by the State through Utilisation Certificates are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2014-15	116.10	178.72
2015-16	234.17	302.03
2016-17	342.21	381.05
2017-18	1,219.88	1,151.30
2018-19	1,381.11	509.87
2019-20	248.11	231.99
2020-21	151.87	859.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,693.45</b>	<b>3,614.83</b>

(c) The overall goal under SBM(G) was to make all the villages in the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019, by providing access to toilets to all the rural households. As SBM (G) is a demand driven scheme, there were no pre-fixed targets set. All the villages in Andhra Pradesh have declared themselves ODF as on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. The State has been further advised to sustain ODF status by ensuring that no one is left behind and everyone uses toilet. The year-wise number of Individual households latrines (IHHLs) constructed under SBM(G) in Andhra Pradesh since 2014-15, as per the data reported by the State on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G), are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>IHHLs constructed</b>
2014-15	2,18,242
2015-16	3,50,558
2016-17	7,88,495
2017-18	22,25,154
2018-19	3,56,139
2019-20	2,64,476
2020-21	81,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,84,598</b>

(d) To contain the spread of COVID, maintenance and use of sanitation facilities and to practise hygiene behaviours became more important for all. During the lockdown, SBM (G) field functionaries such as Swachhagrahis, etc were actively engaged in the awareness generation for adopting COVID appropriate behaviours. SBM (G) also assisted in employment generation during the lock down period mainly through construction community toilets under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) and IHHLs. However, the COVID also hampered the pace of implementation of the programme in the field.