

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.13
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th July, 2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 'SWACHH BHARAT SCHEME'

13. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 'Swachh Bharat Scheme' is also being implemented in those areas of a cantonment, where civilians are residing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the future plan in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI AJAY BHATT

(a) & (b): Several activities related to swachhta/ sanitation like eradication of manual scavenging, construction of community toilets, public toilets and urinals, management of municipal solid waste and Information Education and Communication (IEC) programmes etc. are carried out by Cantonment Boards in those areas of Cantonments where civilians are residing. Details of such activities are given in **Annexure**. Most of these activities are carried out by the Cantonment Boards out of their own resources. However, Cantonment Board Shilong and Mhow have received Rs. 12,53,733/- (for construction of toilets) and Rs. 43,00,000/- (for purchase of garbage vehicles) from Govt. of Meghalaya and Govt. of Madhya Pradesh respectively under Swachh Bharat Mission.

Cantonment Boards are also carrying out certain activities under the Swachh Bharat Mission like participation in Swachhta Survekshan, declaration as Garbage free city and elimination of Open Defecation.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 13 FOR ANSWER ON 19.07.2021 REGARDING 'IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 'SWACHH BHARAT SCHEME'.

Details of Swachhta activities carried out in those areas of Cantonments where civilians are residing

The following action is being taken in the civil areas of Cantts:

1. All Cantonments have been certified as ODF and are pursuing for higher star rating.
2. All Cantonment Boards have participated in the Swachh Survekshan, 2019, 2020 and 2021 conducted by Ministry of Urban Affairs and Housing.
3. Cantonment Boards have been renovating and maintaining community and public toilets. Mobile toilets and bio-toilets have been installed by some Cantonment Boards as required.
4. Door to door collection of garbage has been implemented in civil areas of the Cantonments.
5. Swachhta Pakhwada is being observed every year and cleanliness drives are under taken in all wards.
6. Regular sweeping is being done in the market and residential areas.
7. Public drains are being regularly cleaned.
8. Solid waste management in the civil areas is being done in accordance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
9. Banned plastic is being seized and fines are imposed.
10. Cantonment Boards are regularly taking action for creating awareness amongst the citizens / school children / shopkeepers / hotels / restaurants / vendors of the civil areas through social media, hoardings, advertisements, banners, posters, pamphlets, etc. about littering of garbage, segregation of dry and wet waste in separate receptacles apart from domestic hazardous waste and construction and demolition waste, prevention of single use plastic, garbage burning, tree plantation, etc.
11. Sewerage / STP Project was completed at Deolali Cantonment during 2020-21. STP Projects are in progress at Lucknow, Jhansi and Wellington Cantonments.
12. Public grievances relating to sanitation and hygiene are being redressed by Cantonment Boards through e-Chhawani online portal.
13. Permission is being granted promptly for construction of individual toilets by residents living in authorized houses.
