GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1691
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2022

ERADICATION OF OPEN DEFECATION

1691 SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government declared the country to be Open Defecation Free, if so, when was this declared and on what basis;

(b) the percentage of households nationally, according to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, which do not use any toilet facility, and therefore practise open defecation;

(c) State-wise data, according to NFHS-5, on the percentage of households practicing open defecation;

(d) the annual budget allocation and final expenditure on Swachh Bharat Mission scheme over the last five years; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to eradicate open defecation and the reasons for the failure to eliminate the practice completely?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Government had launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] on 2nd October, 2014 with the goal to make the rural areas of the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2nd October, 2019, by providing access to toilets to all the rural households. ODF was defined as termination of faecal-oral transmission, by ensuring, a) no visible faeces found in the environment/village and, b) every household as well as public/community institution(s) using safe technology option for disposal of faeces. More than 10 crore Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) were constructed under the programme and all the villages had declared themselves ODF by 2nd October, 2019. All the districts had also declared themselves ODF and issued ODF certificates. Based on this, the country was declared ODF on 2nd October, 2019.

(b)& (c) National Family Health Survey (NFHS) is conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare having primary focus on health indicators.

(d) Year-wise details of allocation and expenditure under SBM (G) during the last 5 years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Financial Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2017-18	16948.27	16941.96
2018-19	23176.25	21631.16
2019-20	11938.22	11846.00
2020-21	6000.00	4947.92
2021-22	6000.00	3111.36

(e) Government had launched SBM (G), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, on 2nd October, 2014 with the goal to make the rural areas of the country ODF by 2nd October, 2019, by providing access to toilets to all the rural households. Under the scheme, provision of providing financial incentive of Rs.12000 to all the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and identified categories of Above Poverty Line (APL) households was made to encourage them to construct individual household latrines and use them. Funding support has also been provided for the Gram Panchayats to construct Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs), on need basis, to cater to the sanitation needs of households who do not have individual toilets due to lack of space, for floating/migrant population, and at places where large congregation usually takes place, etc. All the villages/districts have already declared themselves ODF.

However, there may be some gaps because of emerging new households which is a continuous process and some toilets going dysfunctional due to natural disasters or other reasons. To address this, provision for toilets construction for new households has been continued in Phase-II of SBM (G). States/UTs are also being regularly emphasised that dysfunctional toilets are made functional for continuous usage of toilets through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and community mobilization. Further, as sanitation primarily is a behavioral issue, emphasis is given continuously on IEC / IPC (Inter Personal Communication) activities.

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