

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2022

ACHIEVEMENT OF ODF MISSION

2503 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has registered a success in its Open Defecation Free (ODF) mission;
- (b) if so, the number of villages in the country which have been declared as ODF;
- (c) the States which have become 100 per cent ODF;
- (d) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to the States and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any special campaign was launched to make villages situated along the banks of Ganga or other rivers ODF; and
- (f) if so, the success achieved so far in this regard and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] was launched on 2nd October, 2014 with the goal to make the rural areas of the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2nd October, 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by providing access to toilets to all the rural households. More than 10 crore Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) were constructed under the programme and, as a result, all the villages and States/UT had declared themselves ODF by 2nd October, 2019.

(d) A total amount of Rs.68,461.50 crore was released to the States/UTs under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) from 2014-15 to 2019-20.

(e) and (f) Government had approved Namami Gange Programme in 2014 with the objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of Ganga river. One of the initiatives under this programme was to make the villages on the bank of river Ganga ODF on priority. All the 4507 villages on the bank of Ganga were declared ODF much before 2nd October, 2019.
