

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
RAJYA SABHA
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Financial assistance for sanitation activities in rural areas

3608 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been received from private companies and Government undertakings under the activities being undertaken by Government in sanitation sector in the rural areas of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to invite Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the sanitation sector and drinking water supply in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Sanitation is a State subject. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)], Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States to supplement their efforts to improve cleanliness status in the rural areas. SBM(G) guidelines provide that the Corporates/Public Sector Undertakings may take up the issues of sanitation through awareness generation and capacity building or through direct targeted interventions in a number of areas related to sanitation such as establishing demonstration fields/rural sanitation parks for exposure of various technology options available under SBM, organizing exhibitions/sanitation melas, providing necessary exposure to the children in schools about proper sanitation and hygiene, and propagating the programme through mass media and Gram Panchayat level interventions, etc. Details of the activities undertaken by the Corporates/Public Sector Undertaking in the States are not maintained by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

(b) The operational guidelines of SBM(G) Phase-II enables the State Governments to promote/give emphasis on the use of business model/self-sustainable revenue models including Public Private Partnership (PPP) on the principle of cost sharing, cost recovery and revenue generation for Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) in rural areas as well as their operation and maintenance.

For drinking water supply in rural areas, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is being implemented with the aim to make provisions for functional household tap connection to every rural home of the country. As per the operational guidelines for the implementation of JJM, it has been provisioned that for alternative financing options/ models the State Governments may meet the additional funds requirement through innovative financing mechanisms that includes inter alia PPP.
