

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1515

ANSWERED ON – 09/12/2024

**CURRENT STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION
(GRAMEEN)**

1515 # SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

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

- (a) the present status of implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) in the country;
- (b) whether Government has been successful in its goal of making every village in the country free from open defecation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would achieve its target of making every village in the country free from open defecation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] Phase-II is being implemented during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with the aim to sustain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) i.e. to convert the villages from ODF to ODF Plus-Model by 2024-25. So far under SBM(G), 3,78,957 villages have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus Model in the Country as on 4.12.2024.

(b) to (d) 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. Having achieved the ODF status, Phase II of SBM(G) has been launched with effect from 1st April, 2020 for a period of 5 years with the objective to sustain the ODF status and achieve ODF Plus Model villages. Realising that the task of constructing toilets is a continuous process and not a one time activity, as there are continuously new emerging households, migrant households etc which will require Toilets, construction of new Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHLs) (Toilets) continues to be the first

charge on SBM(G) funds and states are advised continuously to plan for left out toilets and address this gap on priority. In co-ordination with the PMAY(G) programme also, there is a provision to provide toilets to eligible beneficiaries alongwith the house from SBM(G) funds. It is due to all these measures, that even in Phase II of the programme almost 1.60 crore toilets have been built in the last 4 years and current year. Accordingly, provisioning for toilets is a demand based continuous process. As reported by States/UTs in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the department, 22,66,096 toilets have been constructed in this Financial Year so far.
