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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 178
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

STATUS OF URBAN AREAS UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-URBAN 2.0

***178. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:**

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0;
- (b) the details of the technology used for implementation of the Mission;
- (c) the details of the annual average decline in open defecation in urban areas recorded by Government every year under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0; and
- (d) by when open defecation free status will be achieved by Government?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANOHAR LAL)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 178 FOR 17.03.2025 REGARDING “STATUS OF URBAN AREAS UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION – URBAN 2.0”

(a) : To carry forward the progress made under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 has been launched on 1st October, 2021 with a vision of achieving safe sanitation, scientific management of all fractions of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and remediation of legacy dumpsites. SBM-U 2.0 has a high emphasis on effective planning for all streams of MSW with thrust on projects like Waste to Energy, Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste processing, etc. Used Water Management is also a new component under SBM-U 2.0 to holistically deal with fecal sludge & septage in cities having less than 1 lakh population as per census 2011.

(b) : The Swachh Bharat Mission Urban leverages technology to enhance sanitation and waste management across urban India. The selection of treatment technologies is open to ULBs/State Governments, allowing them to choose any proven technology as outlined in the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) Manual and advisories issued from time to time. As per Clause 15 (v) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, ULBs may adopt suitable technologies including following technologies for management of municipal solid waste:

- a) bio-methanation, microbial composting, vermi-composting, anaerobic digestion or any other appropriate processing for bio-stabilization of biodegradable wastes;
- b) waste to energy processes including refused derived fuel for combustible fraction of waste or supply as feedstock to solid waste based power plants or cement kilns

Also, to promote an enabling environment for development startups and entrepreneurs in the waste management sector, in collaboration with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), start-ups are identified through challenge mode. A centre has been set up at Startup Incubation and Innovation Center (SIIC), IIT Kanpur for providing one year of incubation support to the shortlisted organizations.

(c) & (d) : Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U) was launched on 2nd October, 2014 with one of the key objectives being to make the urban areas Open Defecation Free (ODF), 4,371 ULBs of 35 States/UTs became ODF in October, 2019. This has been achieved with the construction of 63.74 lakh Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) units, which is more than mission target of 58.99 lakh (108.05%) and 6.36 lakh Community Toilet/Public Toilet (CT/PT) seats have been constructed against the mission target of 5.07 lakh (125.44%).

After the one-time saturation in 2019, States/UTs have been requested to provide basic sanitation as a continuous activity. To support additional demands of States/UTs for funds for construction of IHHLs/CT/PTs in urban areas due to increasing urbanization, migration and formation of new ULBs, Rs. 1177.22 crores have been allocated for construction of toilets under SBM-U (2021-2026). At present, 4,889 Cities/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).
