

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *61
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

ODF SUSTAINABILITY

*** 61 Dr. Sikander Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has chaired a meeting recently to assess the implementation status towards achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus model status and progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G), in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of villages which have been declared ODF Plus in the State; and
- (d) whether Government has made any strategy in centrally sponsored scheme to address identified gaps, ensuring the functionality of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) assets to sustain and improve sanitation outcomes in the State of Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI C R PATIL)

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

Statement referred to in the reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.61 due for reply on 10.02.2025

(a) and (b) : Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R.Patil has taken review meeting with Hon'ble Minister Incharge of Rural Sanitation in the State of Himachal Pradesh on 3rd December, 2024 at New Delhi. He highlighted the need for the State to thoroughly assess its current ground realities, address existing gaps by developing the necessary infrastructure, and strive to achieve the objectives outlined under the Mission.

(c) : 16,125 villages have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus (Aspiring-1,497, Rising-558 and Model-14,070) upto 6-2-2025 in the Himachal Pradesh. No. of SLWM Assets created in Himachal Pradesh are as under :-

No. of Waste Collection & Segregation Sheds	No. of Community Compost Pits	No. of Household Compost Pits	No. of Vehicles for collection of Garbage	No. of Community Soak pits	No. of Household Soak pits	No. of Kitchen Garden	Phytorid/ DEWATS /Wetlands / Duckweed Ponds	No. of Waste Stabilisation Ponds (WSPs)
6532	8236	125782	4967	7903	133310	781276	2158	620

(d) : Sanitation is State subject, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation provides Financial & technical support to States. Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] is being implemented during the period from 2020-21 to 2025-26, with the focus on Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability and to cover all the villages with solid and liquid waste management i.e. converting the villages from ODF to ODF Plus (Model). The scheme is being implemented in rural areas of Country including Himachal Pradesh.

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) continues to be the first charge on SBM(G) funds under Phase-II of SBM(G) and states are advised continuously to plan for left out toilets and address this gap on priority. State has prepared Operation & Maintenance (O & M) Policy. Module for functionality of SLWM assets has been developed. States including Himachal Pradesh are directed to convert dysfunctional SLWM assets to functional.
