

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1671**  
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

**SANITATION AND ODF-PLUS INITIATIVE**

**1671 # DR. KALPANA SAINI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set any target for achieving ODF-Plus (toilet + solid and liquid waste management) status in rural India;
- (b) if so, the number of villages declared ODF-Plus in the country so far;
- (c) whether the Central Government has provided any financial or technical assistance to the States for ODF-Plus activities;
- (d) whether hilly States like the State of Uttarakhand have faced any specific challenges in achieving ODF-Plus status; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with those challenges and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) 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). **4,72,480** Villages have been declared as ODF Model Villages upto 31.07.2025.

(c) Government of India provides Financial and Technical supports to States/UTs in implementation of SBM(G) including ODF-Plus activities.

(d) & (e) Unfavorable Geographical Condition (Hilly terrain, Scattered villages/hamlets/households, road connectivity etc.) is the major challenges to performing sanitation activities (especially solid & Liquide waste Management) for achieving of ODF-Plus activities in Hilly States including Uttarakhand. Government of India have taken up following steps to resolve such challenges :-

- Special coordination with all line departments including Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj Department
- Involvement of Panchayati Raj Department for Operation & maintenance of rural Sanitation Structures and community involvements.
- Activity Mapping with the collaboration of Panchayati Raj department for Inorganic Waste Management/Plastic waste Management

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