

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2016

Delinking of SBM-G from MGNREGS

4607. ADV. NARENDRAKESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funding under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been delinked from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of toilets constructed under MGNREGS during 2014-15 and 2015-16;
- (d) whether delinking of MGNREGS from Swachh Bharat Mission would adversely affect achievements of the Mission besides affecting employment opportunities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government to improve the situation?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Prior to the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM-G) on 2nd October, 2014, under the earlier Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, there was part funding for toilets from MGNREGS. This linkage resulted in administrative inefficiencies, funding mismatch and poor coordination between the two implementing Departments at the grassroot level, impacting the progress in construction of toilets, and also leading, at times, to half-built structures. Therefore, with the launch of SBM(G), this linkage was removed and enhanced incentive provided under SBM(G) itself. Separately, however, toilets can also be built under MGNREGS, as per the guidelines of that scheme.

(c) 13,12,286 and 6,51,854 household toilets were constructed under MGNREGS during 2014-15 and 2015-16.

(d) No, Madam. As mentioned above, the delinking has not affected the achievement. Rather, after delinking, the programme has picked up tremendously. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), 58,54,987 and 1,27,41,367 household toilets were constructed during 2014-15 and 2015-16.

(e) Does not arise.