

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2016

Disposal through Underground Sewerage System

4813. SHRI VINAYAK BHARAO RAUT:

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

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to take any steps for the disposal of human waste/excreta through underground sewerage system in the rural areas of the country as done in developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to popularise the use of flush compost toilets in rural areas of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), measures are taken to prevent open defecation and to provide safe disposal of human excreta. This can be done through on-site toilet technologies such as twin-leach pit that do not require underground sewerage system and are much cheaper and equally effective. The choice of technology lies with the end-user, as long as it ensures safe disposal of human excreta.

(c) The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and hygiene. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Up to 8% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC).