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Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.**1278**
TO BE ANSWERED ON **09-02-2017**

Pace of SBM

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1278. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

(a) whether the Government has put the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-G) under the scanner for a critical review of all central schemes by a Group of Secretaries;

(b) whether the pace of SBM is slow and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has started brainstorming workshops to take stock of the progress of the SBM-G and expedite the achievements of sanitation in a sustainable manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

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(a) Different Groups of Secretaries have been constituted to make recommendations for various Central schemes, including Swachh Bharat Misison (Gramin).

(b) No, Madam. Against the expected outcome of **50 lakh** individual latrines for the year 2014-15, **58,54,987** latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of **117%** of the target. During 2015-16, **127.41 lakh** toilets were constructed against expected outcome of **120.00 lakh**. For the year **2016-17**, against the expected outcome of **1.5 crore** individual latrines, **1,55,16,257** individual latrines **(103.44%)** have been constructed as on **06-02-2017.**

Sanitation Coverage, which was **42.05%** on **2.10.2014**, has increased to **60.32%** on **06.02.2017.** A total of **156219** Villages, **70275** Gram Panchayats, **909** Blocks and **87** District have declared themselves as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on **06.02.2017.**

(c)-(d) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation regularly organises various brainstorming and capacity building workshops for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). These include State/Regional/National workshops with various stakeholders and implementers to provide technical guidance, identify challenges, find solutions, and share good practices.