

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20-07-2017

Review of Swachh Bharat Mission

769. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has put the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) under the scanner for a critical review of all Central Schemes by a Group of Secretaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the pace of the SBM has been slow and it is quite difficult to achieve the target by 02.10.2019;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government has started brainstorming workshops with State Mission Directors to take stock of the progress of the SBM and to expedite the achievements of sanitation in a sustainable manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is under review of Group of Secretaries on Health, Sanitation and Urban Development. The recommendations of Group of Secretaries has regularly been monitored.

(b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM (G)) launched on 2nd October, 2014 with aims to attain Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. 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, **219.24 lakh** latrines (**146%**) have been constructed. For the year **2017-18**, against the expected outcome of **1.7 crore** individual latrines, **45, 19,942** latrines (**27%**) have been constructed as on **17-07-2017**. Sanitation Coverage, which was **41.80%** on **2.10.2014**, has increased to **65.07%** on **17-07-2017**. A total of **2, 09,099** Villages, **95,521** Gram Panchayats, **1,411** Blocks and **149** District have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on **17-07-2017**. In addition, 5 States namely **Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand and Haryana** have also been declared ODF. Swachh Bharat Mission has picked up great momentum now and the Ministry is hopeful to achieve the target of Swachh Bharat by 02.10.2019.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation regularly reviews the progress made under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) with States. State Secretaries Conference along with Mission Directors was organized on 17-18 Feb2017 at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad. National Workshop on "Swachh Bharat" was organized 22nd March, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.