

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1009

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-12-2017

Construction of Toilets

†1009. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) the total number of toilets constructed in the country under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether reduction in the instance of open defecation has been registered and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the impediments coming in the way of abolishing open defecation in the country; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve such impediments?

ANSWER

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

(a) State/UT wise year-wise, number of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-1.

(b) On the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 2.10.2014, **61.30%** rural households were practicing Open Defecation, which has been reduced to **25.86%** as on **19.12.2017**.

(c) and (d) Sanitation is mainly a behavioral issue. It involves change of mindset of people to stop open defecation and to adopt safe sanitation practices. Since this requires engagement of community and skill in facilitation, the process takes some time. The challenges pertain to capacity building of the implementing machinery, continuing focus on community involvement and bring about collective (i.e. village as a whole) behaviour change, promoting technological innovations, streamlining financial and programme management and converging other development schemes with sanitation to promote sustainability. These are some of the hurdles faced. In order to address the above hurdles, a number of measures have been taken. These include:

- Focus on behavior change: Community based collective behavior change has been mentioned as the preferred approach, though the States are free to choose the approach best suited to them. Focus is also on creation of complete open defecation free (ODF) villages, rather than only on construction of individual toilets. This entails triggering the entire village into changing their behavior.
- The programme provides flexibility to the States in the implementation. This is essential, given the vast socio-economic-cultural diversity of India, and also from the point of view of promoting innovations.
- There is a greater emphasis on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management. Lack of adequate capacities is a major challenge in scaling up the programme. Therefore, various initiatives are being taken to reach out to all the stakeholders. From the Government of India side, the States and select organizations (called Key Resource Centres) are being trained. These in turn are, carrying out trainings at the sub-State level. The key official at the district level-Collector-has been roped in the programme to provide leadership at the district level.
- The programme is being run as a *janandolan* with cooperation of all sections of the society including the NGOs, Corporates, youth etc. The Panchayats are being actively involved.
- Zila Swachhata Preraks are being engaged for support of districts.

**Statement referred in part (a) of the reply to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.1009
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**State/UT-wise Individual household latrines(IHHLs) constructed during last three years
and current year as on 19-12-2017**

S.N.	State/UT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Upto 19-12-2017)
1	A & N ISLANDS			979	12493
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	213867	354996	788496	1176709
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	12902	19439	42552	31648
4	ASSAM	148237	465545	1054882	484792
5	BIHAR	165457	427038	872331	1277785
6	CHHATTISGARH	39128	357107	1464977	850896
7	D & N HAVELI			0	11652
8	DAMAN & DIU	0		0	1600
9	GOA	0	28637	0	0
10	GUJARAT	335762	922728	1559806	425083
11	HARYANA	107765	132661	126162	317977
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	54265	66632	80521	10
13	JAMMU & KASHMIR	8496	64665	83455	130580
14	JHARKHAND	98512	315130	832239	604357
15	KARNATAKA	791687	533011	720075	1130134
16	KERALA	34101	11752	195090	0
17	MADHYA PRADESH	521739	1022566	1860073	1766066
18	MAHARASHTRA	500897	889170	1917675	1506969
19	MANIPUR	27860	47636	41423	21320
20	MEGHALAYA	42002	44129	45973	61409
21	MIZORAM	534	6026	2872	12436
22	NAGALAND	0	22617	38112	11304
23	ODISHA	130925	1329832	1263960	376117
24	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	2430	2763
25	PUNJAB	9887	71543	106626	48242
26	RAJASTHAN	653306	2164590	2721433	1722307
27	SIKKIM	3562	3707	0	0
28	TAMIL NADU	378162	948287	1139701	859465
29	TELANGANA	130725	240168	520092	907841
30	TRIPURA	24869	61173	43829	20139
31	UTTAR PRADESH	515427	694487	1740917	2519440
32	UTTARAKHAND	57833	64030	335264	42952
33	WEST BENGAL	847080	1432065	2322394	805360
	TOTAL	5854987	12741367	21924339	17139846