

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-12-2017

IEC under SBM

1069. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has taken any steps to tackle the situation of low utilization of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) funds under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) by the State Governments to spread awareness regarding sanitation facilities among the citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to revise the guidelines for usage of funds for IEC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) This Ministry has initiated several steps to increase expenditure on Information, Education and Communication (IEC). For release of 2nd instalment for the financial year 2017-18, State/UTs have to spend a mandatory 2.5% of available funds on IEC. This Ministry is regularly monitoring expenditure including IEC through a series of meetings/video conferences and during various workshops organised with States/UTs and States/UTs wherein they have to report all expenditure on Online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) as maintained by Ministry.