

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1165**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017

**Septic Tanks in Rural Areas**

1165. Dr. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether callous development of septic tanks in rural areas has been jeopardizing the health of people:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the holistic and participatory approach is being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (c) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) has launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), SBM(G) on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, with aim to attain Open Defecation Free India by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019, by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households. Provision of incentives for the construction of Individual household latrine (IHHL) has been raised to Rs.12000 for all Below Poverty Line (BPL) households and identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), measures are taken to prevent open defecation and to provide safe disposal of human excreta. MDWS promotes twin-leach pit technology for household latrines 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.

Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is one of the integral components of SBM(G) and under Liquid Waste Management, activities like low cost drainage, soakage channels/ pits, waste stabilization ponds system, reuse of waste water etc. can be taken up. Depending upon the amount of waste water generated, the State can choose the type of liquid waste management facility they wish to create. Funds for Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities with a cap of Rs. 7/12/15/20 lakh are available for Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/ more than 500 households.

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