

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1043
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08-02-2018

Awareness against Open Defecation

1043. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- (a) the current statistics for open defecation in the country with specific reference to Punjab and Chandigarh;
- (b) the number of villages declared Open Defecation Free in the past two years;
- (c) the States/UTs with the worst open defecation rates; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to spread awareness against open defecation in villages?

ANSWER

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

(a) **312** Districts, **2,816** Blocks, **1,39,566** Gram Panchayats (GPs) and **3,16,975** Villages have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 06.02.2018. In addition, 11 States/UT namely Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Gujarat, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Meghalaya have also been declared ODF.

Out of **12360** villages of Punjab, **10751 (86.98%)** villages have been declared ODF. All 13 villages of Chandigarh have already been declared ODF.

(b) State/UT-wise, number of villages declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) in the past two years and current year is at Annexure-1.

(c) The performance of States/UTs of Goa, A & N Islands, Tripura, Jammu & Kashmir, Puducherry, Bihar, Odisha, D & N Haveli, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Assam, Telangana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland in declaring Open Defecation Free (ODF) is below national average.

(d) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), upto 5% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) for State and District level. 3% of the resources can be used at the Central level for the same purpose. Massive media campaigns have been started at National level using Audio Visual (TV) and Audio (Radio). States are also carrying out IEC campaign including interpersonal Communication (IPC). Also cleanliness campaigns are held at regular intervals. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Many States are focusing on community approach, wherein the people are directly triggered and made aware about the importance of sanitation and hygiene using some triggering tools. Besides, conventional IEC tools are also used to educate the people. Swachh Bharat Whatsapp group has been created involving officials of GoI and all the States. Similar groups for individual States have been formed. A Facebook page for SBM(G) has also been created. Celebrities have been roped as brand ambassador.

Annexure-1.

Statement referred in part (b) of the reply to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.1043
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State/UT-wise, ODF declared villages in last 2 years and current year

S.N.	State/UT	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Upto 6.2.18)
1	A & N Islands	0	0	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	349	2803	4810
3	Arunachal Pradesh	159	1110	4120
4	Assam	150	373	6994
5	Bihar	176	1346	2335
6	Chandigarh	0	0	13
7	Chhattisgarh	1876	10534	6359
8	D & N Haveli	0	0	12
9	Daman & Diu	0	0	26
10	Goa	0	0	0
11	Gujarat	3320	11669	3272
12	Haryana	1103	5380	425
13	Himachal Pradesh	8202	7723	0
14	Jammu & Kashmir	21	98	396
15	Jharkhand	69	3555	7437
16	Karnataka	1628	5130	11512
17	Kerala	0	2027	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	1888	14216	4556
19	Maharashtra	6053	17595	11830
20	Manipur	61	90	550
21	Meghalaya	1978	1684	2366
22	Mizoram	80	136	372
23	Nagaland	139	142	395
24	Odisha	1249	1307	5166
25	Puducherry	0	0	24
26	Punjab	799	3889	6063
27	Rajasthan	6100	12480	20801
28	Sikkim	441	0	0
29	Tamil Nadu	1118	2409	4293
30	Telangana	806	1153	2121
31	Tripura	0	0	17
32	Uttar Pradesh	212	5818	12353
33	Uttarakhand	1338	12076	2059
34	West Bengal	7790	12271	12176
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