

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1104  
TO BE ANSWERED ON **08-02-2018**

**Construction of Toilets with Unsafe Parameters**

**1104. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

**SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:**

**SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

**SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that one in three toilets built in rural areas are unsafe on the parameters of health and sanitation;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government to this finding;
- (c) the details of sanitation and health standards undertaken in the newly built toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission, in the light of the finding that 31% of the toilets surveyed, fail to guarantee the prevention of human contact with faecal matter;
- (d) the additional measures being taken by the Government to ensure safe and hygienic toilets in the rural areas;
- (e) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey on the technologies being adopted in the construction of toilets in rural areas under the Swachh Bharat Mission and if so, the details in this regard;
- (f) whether it has been found that nearly 60% of these toilets are twin leach pits, which the Government has been promoting under Swachh Bharat Mission considering that these are safer and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether it is also true that less than a quarter of the households reported that the initiative to build toilets was their own instead of coming from the Panchayat representatives and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) No, Madam.

(c) and (d) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) twin leach pit toilets are being promoted which is safe and sustainable. To check correct technologies for toilets, regular inspections by local authorities are being done. Audio/Video campaigns have also been launched on twin pit technology.

(e), (f) and (g) SBM(G) provides flexibility to the States to adopt locally suitable but environmentally safe technologies.