

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2085
TO BE ANSWERED ON **08-03-2018**

Less Access to Water for use in Toilets of Rural Areas

2085. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in rural areas of the country only 42.5 per cent of households were found to have access to water for use in the toilet as compared to 88 per cent in urban areas;
- (b) if so, whether such water scarcity is a challenge towards the target set by the Government to stop 100% open defecation by the year 2019; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER &
SANITATION**

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) to (c) As per National Sample Survey Office Report 2015, **93.9** percentage of rural households having toilet had access to water for use in toilets. Further, under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), the incentive for individual toilet has been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000, to provide for water availability, including for storing water for hand-washing and cleaning. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and National Rural Drinking Water Programme(NRDWP) guidelines also provide for convergence towards implementation of the programmes of sanitation and water, and to maximize the availability of water for sanitation purposes. Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared villages are being prioritized for providing Piped Water Supply Schemes(PWSS) under NRDWP.