

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON **08-03-2018**

Progress under SBM

2168. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

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

- (a) whether the much proclaimed Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) is witnessing poor progress as per recent estimates and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any State-wise difference is observed in failure/delay in its implementation and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether building of toilets is only a small part of the movement towards access to sanitation for all and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in implementation of the SBM-G; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM(G)) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Good progress has been registered under SBM(G). Against the expected outcome of **50 lakh** individual latrines for the year 2014-15, **58,54,987** latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of **117%** of the target. During 2015-16, **127.41 lakh** toilets were constructed against expected outcome of **120.00 lakh**. For the year **2016-17**, against the expected outcome of **1.5 crore** individual latrines, **2,19,24,332** individual latrines (**123%**) have been constructed. For the year **2017-18**, against the expected outcome of **1.7 crore** individual latrines, **2,29,04,471** individual latrines (**135%**) have been constructed as on **date**. Sanitation Coverage, which was **38.7%** on **2.10.2014**, has increased to **78.98%** as on **date**. A total of **323560** Villages, **1,42,757** Gram Panchayats, **2,893** Blocks and **314** District have declared themselves as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on **date**. In addition, 11 States/UT, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Gujarat, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Meghalaya are ODF as per Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G).

(b) The Sanitation coverage in the States of Bihar, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tripura and Goa is below the national average. The sanitation coverage of Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mizoram, Punjab, West Bengal and Tamilnadu is more than 90% .

(c) Sanitation is mainly a behavioral issue. The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and use toilet. In order to create awareness among people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Up to 8% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC).

(d) and (e) Sanitation is primarily a behavior change issue. It involves changing the mindset of people to stop open defecation and to adopt safe sanitation practices. Since this requires engagement of community and skill in facilitation, the process takes some time. The challenges pertain to capacity building of the implementing machinery, continuing focus on community involvement and bring about collective (i.e. village as a whole) behaviour change, promoting technological innovations, streamlining financial /programme management and converging other developmental schemes with sanitation to promote sustainability.