

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2219
TO BE ANSWERED ON **08-03-2018**

Increase in ODF Village

†2219. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

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

- (a) whether there has been a rapid increase in the number of Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for such an increase;
- (d) whether any survey has been conducted/likely to be conducted by Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The number of Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared villages during the last three years is as under :-

| Year | No. of ODF declared villages |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2015-16 | 47101 |
| 2016-17 | 136981 |
| 2017-18 | 139478 |

(c) The focus of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Focus is also on creation of complete open defecation free (ODF) villages, rather than only on construction of individual toilets. This entails triggering the entire village into changing their behavior. The programme provides flexibility to the States in the implementation. There is a greater emphasis on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management. The programme is being run as a *janandolan* with cooperation of all sections of the society including the NGOs, Corporates, youth etc. The Panchayats are being actively involved.

(d) and (e) National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey(NARSS) under World Bank support Project is in progress.