

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3348
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-03-2018

Third Party Verification of SBM (G)

3348. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any third-party verification of figures under the Swachh Bharat Mission (G);
- (b) if so, the time by which the report of such verification is likely to be made available to the public;
- (c) whether the Government is on track to achieve their target of 'no open defecation' under the Swachh Bharat Mission, considering that 400 out of the 640 districts in the country are yet to become open defecation free;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the independent studies which have shown discrepancies between the figures presented by the Government and ground reality under the Swachh Bharat Mission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such discrepancies?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

- (a) and (b). Yes. The report is being disclosed.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) & (e) The independent studies are based on small sample size, which may not reflect ground reality.