

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4551
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22-03-2018

Construction of Toilets

4551. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- (a) whether the newly constructed toilets in rural households have adequate water and drainage facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the maintenance of these toilets will be the responsibility of the residents or the Government; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote behaviour change and encourage use of the new toilets as opposed to the conventional practice of open defecation?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

- (a) As per Swachhata Status Report 2016 of National Sample Survey Office, 93.9% of rural households with toilets have access to water for use in toilets. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)], Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation promotes twin-leach pit toilets as preferred technology that do not require disposal of human faeces through sewage/drainage. This technology is much cheaper and environment friendly.
- (b) The maintenance of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) is the responsibility of owners.
- (c) Under SBM(G), upto 5% of the programme funds is to be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and capacity building at the State and District level, and upto 3% is to be spent at the Central level. Massive media campaigns have been started at national level using Audio Visual (TV) and Audio (Radio) aids. States are also carrying out IEC campaign including interpersonal Communication (IPC). Cleanliness drives and awareness campaigns are also held at regular intervals. Besides conventional IEC tools, social media is also being used for spreading the mass awareness. A Facebook page for SBM(G) has been created and twitter handles are also active. Media celebrities have been roped in as brand ambassadors.