

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6214
TO BE ANSWERED ON **05-04-2018**

ODF Villages in Rajasthan

6214. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

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

- (a) the number of villages declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) in Rajasthan since 2014;
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite declaring villages as ODF, there are no toilets in villages as declared on the papers;
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government against the concerned officials or agency in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the procedure adopted by the Government to monitor the ODF villages?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) In total 42,305 villages have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) in Rajasthan as on 28.3.2018.

(b) and (c) As per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] guidelines, first, villages themselves declare ODF in Gram Sabha. Thereafter, States/UTs conduct ODF verification using different processes. Sanitation is a State subject, hence State Governments take necessary action against discrepancy/complaints, if any, in this regard.

(d) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has issued guidelines for ODF verification. These guidelines prescribe at least two verifications to be carried out to verify the ODF status. The first verification is carried out within three months of the ODF declaration in Gram Sabha. Thereafter, in order to ensure sustainability of ODF, one more verification is carried out after around six months of first verification. State Governments are conducting ODF verification using different processes. ODF declared and verified Villages are being entered on Online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G), which is in public domain. A survey has also been conducted through Independent Verification Agency to monitor sustainability of ODF status.