

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6395
TO BE ANSWERED ON **05-04-2018**

Role for Women in SBM(G)

**†6395. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any special programme with the purpose of ensuring a leading role for women in Swachh Bharat Mission(G);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing a programme called “Swachh Shakti 2017”; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Under SBM (G), greater emphasis on behaviour change among people and capacity building of the implementing agencies are being given. Massive behaviour change campaigns at National level and in respective States are being run across the country at present. Women play an important role in all such campaigns as they are the primary stakeholders in sanitation. They have made an immense contribution in enabling behavior change that has also been duly acknowledged at the state and the Central level.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in association with Government of Gujarat, had organised an event called Swachh Shakti 2017 on 8th March, 2017 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat to honour more than 6,000 champion women Sarpanches working for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).