

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.674  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13-12-2018

**Status of Toilet Construction, Drainage and Rural Sanitation**

**674. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:**

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

- (a) the number of functional toilets constructed in the last four years;
- (b) the major projects undertaken by the Government in rural areas with regard to drainage and rural sanitation in the last four years; and
- (c) the major activities that have been carried out in association with voluntary agencies on rural water supply and sanitation and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION  
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) and (b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 with the aim to attain Open Defecation Free India by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households in the country. Since the launch of the Mission, 8.9 crore Individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been constructed so far. Under SBM(G), for disposal of human excreta use of safe and eco-friendly onsite sanitation technologies such as twin leach pit toilets is encouraged. Under this technology, human feces automatically becomes manure in 1-2 years and no drainage system is required.

(c) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), no voluntary agency has been associated for rural water supply. So far as sanitation is concerned, as sanitation is a State subject, SBM(G) is being implemented through the State Governments. The SBM(G) guidelines provide flexibility to the States/UTs to involve voluntary organisations in implementation the programme in the areas of awareness generation and capacity building, ensuring bulk supply of hardware for toilets, and for monitoring and evaluation.