

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1003**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019**

**Evaluation of Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation**

**1003. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people do not have access to basic amenities such as sanitation and safe drinking water in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the India's approach to sanitation and safe drinking water needs is not yielding desired results;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is taking any comprehensive view and intends to pay more attention to broader determinants of health such as sanitation and safe drinking water; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**  
**(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (e) Both Sanitation and Rural Drinking Water Supply are State subjects. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides technical & financial assistance to the States to improve the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas. Coverage of safe drinking water is maintained in terms of Fully Covered (FC) Habitations (i.e. getting more than 40 liters per capita per day (lpcd), Partially Covered (PC) (i.e. getting less than 40 lpcd) and Quality Affected (QA) habitation (i.e. containing chemical contamination). Based on the information provided by State Governments, the status of Fully Covered, Partially Covered & Quality Affected habitations is given below:-

Coverage of Habitation			
% as on	FC	PC	QA
01.04.2014	73.66	21.71	4.63
31.03.2019	80.92	15.62	3.47

*Source: IMIS, DDWS*

The NRDWP was restructured in November, 2017 to make it competitive, result awaited and outcome based.

Further, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] was launched on 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to attain Open Defecation Free India by 2nd October, 2019. Under the programme, 9.59 crore toilets have been constructed till 24.06.2019. As a result, sanitation coverage in the rural areas of the country which was 38.7% on 2.10.2014 has increased to more than 99% and 30 States, 621 Districts, 6,173 Blocks, 2,50,140 Gram Panchayats and 5,65,430 villages have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).