

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1385
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

Public Toilets

1385. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken to increase the usage of public toilets in rural areas apart from their construction;
- (b) the steps being taken to address the lack of water in toilets and other waste disposal issues; and
- (c) whether any independent survey is being conducted regarding the same and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)], Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) can be constructed in rural areas for the families who do not have space for construction of individual household latrines (IHHLs) and at public places, markets, etc, where a large congregation of people takes places. Sanitation is a State subject, hence the programme is implemented by the State Governments. Government of India provides technical guidance and financial support to the States by issuing advisories, guidelines and releasing grants-in-aid for construction of sanitation assets. In order to ensure the usage of CSCs, the SBM (G) guidelines provide that the Gram Panchayats will decide upon a suitable location for construction of CSC that is easily accessible to all, having adequate water availability and where long-term operation & maintenance is ensured. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) has also issued advisory to the States/UTs for O&M of the CSCs including regular cleaning, desludging, etc, to ensure their continued usage. DDWS has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG), 2023 on 2nd November, 2022 with objective to foster healthy competition among States/Districts, Gram Panchayats' participation through village self-assessment and learning through peer verification, create awareness, and to assess the status of implementation of SBM (G) by an independent third party agency.
