

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2400
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 03, 2023
THREE-STAR GARBAGE FREE RATING**

**NO. 2400. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister for HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has declared that 1000 cities are aimed to achieve a 3-Star Garbage Free rating by October 2024 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether garbage is not being segregated by the urban local bodies despite repeated instructions by the authorities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is a need to strictly monitor the segregation of garbage and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in the urban and sub-urban areas are not functioning properly resulting in untreated water is going to the rivers;**
- (e) if so, whether the functioning of STPs needs to be checked suddenly to punish the guilty officials for not doing their duties properly; and**
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) : On the occasion of International Zero Waste Day 2023, MoHUA has set a target to make 1000 cities, 3-Star Garbage Free by October 2024. Moreover, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-U) 2.0 has been launched on October 1, 2021 for a period of five years with a vision of achieving 100% Garbage Free Status for all cities through 100% source segregation, door to door collection and scientific management of all fractions of waste including safe disposal in scientific landfills. To encourage a competitive, mission-mode spirit among ULBs, this Ministry launched "Garbage Free Cities" (GFC) – Starrating protocol to assess the City's Municipal Solid Waste Management by 3rd party verification.

(b) to (f): Sanitation is a State subject under 7th schedule of the constitution. It is the responsibility of State/ULBs to plan, design, execute, operate and maintain sanitation projects including Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in urban areas of the country. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has been facilitating by providing additional financial and technical support.

For technical assistance to States/ULBs, MoHUA has brought out advisories covering all aspects of Solid Waste Management (SWM) and Used Water Management (UWM) including planning, designing and operation and maintenance along with regular capacity building interactions.

The progress made in management of garbage and sanitation by the States/ UTs under SBM-U is regularly assessed for which Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) have been developed for certification of ULBs as Open Defecation Free (ODF), ODF+, ODF++ and Star ratings of Garbage Free Cities (GFC) and also through 'Swachh Survekshan'. Monitoring of the progress of SBM-U in States/ UTs is done by periodical review and assessment by meetings, webinars, workshops etc and also through the dedicated SBM-U portal.
