GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 965 TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 08, 2024 WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT SECTOR

NO. 965. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to encourage women entrepreneurs in waste management sector under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM – U) 2.0 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the objective of launching the national capacity building model for waste free cities under SBM-U 2.0;
- (c) the details of the measures being adopted to make the cities in Rajasthan waste free;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the effective maintenance of toilets constructed under the SBM-U 2.0; and
- (e) whether the Swachh Bharat Mission is addressing the construction of inclusive and disabled friendly toilets as well as transgender individuals and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Under SBM-U 2.0 Operational Guidelines, provisions have been made for women empowerment and to bring "Equity and Inclusion" by bringing citizens, including women and homemakers, to the centre of the Mission, by actively engaging them and promoting women leadership in various phases of sanitation and waste management, from planning to Operation & Maintenance.

(b) To sustain the progress achieved so far in urban sanitation and waste management and to further advance the vision of the SBM – U 2.0, National Capacity Building Framework for Garbage Free Cities has been launched by MoHUA on 3rd March, 2022. The framework proposes a comprehensive approach for capacity building in urban sanitation and solid waste management sectors.

(c) SBM is being implemented uniformly in all States and ULBs including Rajasthan to attain 100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste by promoting source segregation of waste, capacity building initiatives, IEC and behavioural change campaigns and creating necessary infrastructure for filling gaps in waste processing capacities. States/Union Territories prepare and submit the City Solid Waste Action Plan (CSWAP) for management of fresh solid waste and remediation of existing legacy waste dumpsites to claim funds under SBM-U 2.0. The State of Rajasthan has been allocated ₹705.46 crore and ₹1765.80 crore as central assistance under SBM (U) and SBM (U) 2.0 respectively.

(d) & (e): There are provisions for making individual household toilets, community/public toilets as well as separate seat/toilets for transgenders and disabled- friendly toilets under SBM-U. Under SBM-U, the Central Financial Assistance as Central Share (CS) funds is allocated to the States/UTs as a whole which is then released by the State to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per Action Plans. Hence, it is the responsibility of the State Government/UTs/ULBs to implement the projects including construction and maintenance of toilets for transgender/third genders as well as disabled.

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