

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4046
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019**

Maintenance of Toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission

4046. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

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

- (a) whether the toilets built in Gujarat under the Swachh Bharat Mission are not properly maintained, as per the various news reports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against the officials responsible for it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to make the toilets usable?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (d) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), the beneficiaries themselves are responsible for the maintenance of their household toilets. However, Government of Gujarat has taken a number of initiatives for sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status like monitoring usage through ODF stickers, awareness campaigns in schools and villages, gram sabhas, etc.