

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4065
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019**

Construction of Toilets

**4065. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any targets to build/construct toilets/bio-toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Abhiyan;
- (c) the details of the funds provided under the Abhiyan since its inception;
- (d) whether the Government has sought private participation to build/construct toilets/bio-toilets under the said Abhiyan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the cooperation extended by the private sector in this regard till date; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The Government had launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2nd October, 2019 by providing access to toilet

facilities to all rural households in the country. SBM(G) is a demand driven Scheme, hence no fixed targets to build/construct toilets could be set. As per the data reported by the States/UTs on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) maintained by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, 10.15 crore individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been constructed under SBM(G), and all the 5,99,963 villages have declared themselves ODF. The salient features of SBM(G) are:

- (i) Emphasis on behaviour change including interpersonal communication; strengthening implementation and delivery mechanisms down to Gram Panchayat level
- (ii) Flexibility to States in designing delivery mechanisms taking into account their local culture, practices, sensibilities and demands
- (iii) Greater emphasis on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management - training of KRCs (Key resource Centres) and involvement of Collectors to provide leadership at the district level
- (iv) Programme being run as a citizens' movement with cooperation of all sections of society including NGOs, corporates, youth etc.

(c) Funds amounting to Rs.65,892 crore have been spent by the Government of India under SBM(G) since 2014-15.

(d) to (f) Private participation is encouraged through donations made to Swachh Bharat Kosh for construction/reconstruction of toilets in schools and households. Swachh Bharat Kosh has been set up under the Ministry of Finance to facilitate channelization of philanthropic contributions and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to achieve the objective of Swachh Bharat. The details of the donations made towards Swachh Bharat Kosh are not maintained company-wise.