

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019**

World Toilet Day

**835. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has celebrated the World Toilet Day recently and if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) the details of the programmes/events organized by the Government on this occasion along with the theme of the event;
- (c) whether the Government is taking action to ensure that everyone has a safe toilet by 2030 and if so, the details thereof and the action taken to meet the target;
- (d) whether the Government has successfully achieved to eliminate open defecation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of villages and districts that are still practicing open defecation so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the details of further measures taken/being taken by the Government to built toilets in each and every household in the country including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The World Toilet Day has been celebrated on 19th November, 2019 by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. On this occasion, awards have been distributed to the top-ranking States and districts on the basis of quantitative and qualitative sanitation (Swachhata) parameters, as per the Swachh Survekshan Grameen, 2019. Various organizations were also recognized during the event for their contribution towards Swachhata-Hi-Seva, 2019.

(c) The Government has recently launched a 10-year rural sanitation strategy (2019-2029) for implementation of Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus i.e. sustainability of ODF status and Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

(d) & (e) 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 the rural households in the country. As per the data reported by the States on the Online Integrated Management Information System of SBM(G), sanitation coverage in the rural areas of the country which was 38.7% on 2.10.2014 has increased to 100% and all the 5,99,963 villages of the country have already declared themselves as ODF. As per National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19 conducted in December, 2018, 93.1% rural households have access to toilets.

(f) As per the data reported by the States on Online Integrated Management Information System of SBM(G), rural areas of all the States in the country have achieved 100% sanitation coverage. Now the focus of SBM(G) is on ODF sustainability. The Government has further advised all the States to ensure that no one is left behind under SBM(G) and to identify the missed out rural households, if any, and support them to construct toilets under the programme.
