

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2399
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020**

ODF Status in Bihar

2399. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether the verification process mandated by the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) to declare villages Open Defecation Free (ODF) has been completed in Gopalganj district of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it will be free from Open Defecation;
- (c) whether adequate water supply and safe septic disposal facilities are available in all the toilets built under SBM; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by the Government to provide such facilities?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per protocol for verification of Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages under SBM(G), the 1st level verification has to be carried out within 3 months of the declaration of ODF villages. In Gopalganj district of Bihar, out of 1339 Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared villages, 1st level verification has been completed for 1326 villages, as per the data reported by the State on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)].

(c)&(d) Under SBM(G), the incentive for individual household latrines has been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000, for ensuring water storage facilities for hand-washing and cleaning. Under SBM(G), use of safe and eco-friendly onsite sanitation technologies such as twin leach pit toilets is encouraged for most parts of the country for disposal of human excreta. Under this technology, human faeces automatically becomes manure in 1-2 years. Also under SBM(G), rural pans are used which requires only 1-2 liters of water for flushing. Further, the Government of India has recently launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) which aims at providing functional household tap connection to every rural household.