

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4157  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 19, 2020  
URBAN SANITATION**

**NO. 4157. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN :**

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

- (a) whether the urban development cannot be conceptualized without taking urban sanitation as one of the prime factor and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the urban sanitation is must for the country to achieve the target of becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy; and**
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

- (a) : Urban sanitation is one of the many aspects of urban development. Urban sanitation means that there is no defecation in the open and that all fecal matter is processed in a safe and scientific manner.**
- (b) : Urban sanitation has no direct link with the achievement of the target of becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy. However, as per an independent survey conducted by UNICEF across 10,000 households in 12 Indian States, a single rupee invested in sanitation allows a family to save Rs.4.30 by averting medical costs. As per this report a family that invests in toilet will save Rs.50,000 a year in terms of medical cost.**

**(c) : Steps taken by the Government for addressing the issues of sanitation in urban areas include, launching of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, under which all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in 28 States and 8 Union Territories (UTs), except 48 ULBs of West Bengal, have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF).**

**Till now 61.4 Lakh units of Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHL) against the Mission Target of 59 Lakhs and 5.82 Lakh Community/Public toilets (CT/PT) seats against the Mission target of 5.08 Lakh seats have been constructed.**

**Government has also launched ODF+ protocol (to ensure that all CT/PT are clean and usable), ODF++ protocol (which stipulates various requirements regarding safe containment, transportation and scientific disposal of the septage and sludge). Till now 1304 cities have been certified ODF+ and 481 cities certified as ODF++.**

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