

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.913  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2020

**Open Defecation Free States**

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

- (a) the present status of the States declared as Open Defecation States under Swachh Bharat Mission along with the number of States which have got rid of Open Defecation completely;
- (b) whether any awareness programmes are being implemented for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to promote the same?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c) Rural areas of all the States/UTs have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF). However, the Government has advised them to reconfirm and ensure that no one is left behind in having access to toilets.