

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1619
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2021**

Rural Sanitation

†1619. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any action plan for rural sanitation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) Government had launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to make the rural areas of the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2nd October, 2019 and to improve overall cleanliness in villages. All the villages in the country have declared themselves ODF as on 2nd October, 2019. Having achieved the outcome of the ODF, Phase II of SBM (G) has been approved to be implemented during 2020-21 to 2024-25, with the focus on ODF sustainability and to cover all the villages with Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM).
