

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1842
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

SWACHHATA PAKHWADA 2025

†1842. **SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:**
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:
SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI LUMBARAM CHOUDHARY:
SHRI JASHUBHAI BHILUBHAI RATHVA:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI ARUN GOVIL:
SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:
DR. PRASHANT YADAORAO PADOLE:
SHRI MITESH PATEL BAKABHAI:
SHRI HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI PATEL:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:
SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

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

- (a) the main activities and key focus areas during Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and the total number of officers and employees who participated in the said campaign from various Ministries/Departments;
- (b) the specific initiatives/efforts taken during Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 to raise awareness towards sustainable sanitation practices; and
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry has ensured sustained efforts to maintain cleanliness and hygienic environment across the Government offices and public places after the said campaign?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

- (a) Swachhta Pakhwada is an initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The programme was launched in April 2016 with the objective of bringing about an intense focus on

sanitation issues and practices by involving all Ministries and Departments of Government of India. Every year an annual calendar is circulated in advance to help plan the fortnight activities among Ministries/Departments. This year too, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) has prepared a Swachhta Pakhwada Calendar for Central Ministries/Departments for observing Swachhta Pakhwada for the year 2025.

(b) & (c) Being nodal Department, DDWS has laid down suggestive activities for Swachhta Pakhwada 2025. The Ministries/Departments are inter-alia advised to participate in actual Shramdaan activities in their respective communities and ecosystems, encouraging a competitive spirit towards cleanliness in their respective organizations and subordinate offices. They will also focus on Swachhata activities in office and on actual Swachhata activities in society/community. DDWS regularly monitors progress through video conferences with Ministries/Departments and by tracking updates on the dedicated Swachhata Pakhwada portal to ensure continuous improvement
