

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation**

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3124  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17-12-2015

**Sanitation Environment**

**3124. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:**

Will the Minister of **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the major issues highlighted about the Ministry in the 12th Five Year Plan concerning the poor sanitation environment of the country including the major metros;
- (b) whether the Government has incorporated and integrated the points highlighted in the 12th Plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any monitoring cell exists to oversee that action is moving in tandem with the 12th Five Year Plan particularly in regard to sanitation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)**

- (a) The 12<sup>th</sup> Plan has highlighted issues of usage of toilets, need for development of a phased approach, availability of appropriate technological options for toilets and convergence of sanitation and drinking water programmes.
- (b) These issues have been incorporated in the new sanitation programme, Swachh Bharat Mission. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) focuses on behavioural change and mentions community led approach as preferred approach, in order to trigger and motivate communities into adopting safe sanitation practices. Both outputs (construction of toilets) and outcomes (usage of toilets) are to be monitored. There is also a focus on village saturation and achievement of complete open defecation free villages. A menu of technological options are available and the States are free to choose the technology considered most appropriate by them. The programme also advocates conjoint approach to water and sanitation.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Yes Sir. An online monitoring system is available, that provides for data upto household level. Third party monitoring is also conducted by agencies such as National Sample Survey Office.