

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.608  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13-12-2018

**SBM and World Toilet Day**

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**SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:**

**SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

**SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)-(SBM-G) has celebrated the World Toilet Day in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of mass awareness and mobilization activities organized across States and districts;
- (d) whether the Government has also organized Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest among all districts of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;
- (f) the achievement made so far by SBM since its inception in rural sanitation coverage; and
- (g) the number of States/UTs that have declared themselves free from open defecation and the other steps taken by the Government to make remaining States free from open defecation

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE**  
**MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**  
**(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. The World Toilet Day was observed on 19.11.2018.
- (b) Special cleanliness drives and mass mobilisation/awareness programmes connected with toilet usage were organised in the districts from 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- (c) 1,32,14,599 number of mass awareness and mobilization activities organized across States and districts.
- (d) Yes, Madam.
- (e) The Swachh Bharat Toilet Day Contest was organized to encourage States and districts officials to intensify programmes for promoting usage of toilets and their maintenance.
- (f) Sanitation coverage in the rural areas of country as on 2.10.2014 was 38.7%. This has increased to 97.11% as on 11.12.2018.
- (g) So far, 25 States/UTs have been declared ODF. The remaining States are on track to become ODF by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019.