

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.797  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07-02-2019

**Assessment of SBM**

**797. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

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

(a) whether the Government have taken note of a new research on the impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural parts of the Northern States, which shows that while open defecation has fallen and toilet ownership has increased, the percentage of people who owned toilets but continued to defecate in the open has remained unchanged between 2014 and 2018;

(b) if so, whether the Swachh Bharat Mission has been more successful at toilet construction than at driving behavioural change and 44% of people in rural area in Northern States still defecate in the open;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the details of fresh steps the Government proposes to take to check open defecation in rural areas in Northern States?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Government is not aware of any such research.

(b)&(c) Question do not arise.

(d) Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 with the aim to achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households in the country. So far, 27 States/UTs namely Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand have been declared ODF. The remaining States are on track to become ODF by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019.