

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07-02-2019

Sewage Disposal System

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

- (a) whether the sewage generation in the country has increased during the 12th Plan, if so, the details thereof, year and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to improve sewage disposal system in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made during the 12th Five Year Plan for improving sewage disposal system in rural areas;
- (d) the details of the projects so far approved and the details of assistance provided in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up mini sewerage treatment plants in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to correct the situation?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) to (f) The goal of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] is to bring about improvement in the cleanliness, hygiene and the general quality of life in rural areas. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is one of the key components of the programme to create clean villages. Under SLWM, activities like compost pits, vermi composting, biogas plants, low cost drainage, soakage channels/pits, reuse of waste water and system for collection, segregation and disposal of household garbage and menstrual hygiene management etc. can be taken up.

Under SBM(G), for disposal of human excreta, use of safe and eco-friendly onsite sanitation technologies such as twin leach pit toilets is encouraged. Under this technology, human feces automatically becomes manure in 1-2 years and no sewage is generated. However, as Sanitation is a State subject, under the SBM(G), technical and financial support is provided to the State Governments to supplement their efforts in achieving the goal of the programme, with flexibility to the States to adopt the technologies and mechanism for smooth implementation of the programme best suited to them.