

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

OPEN DEFECATION FREE

851. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has become Open Defecation Free (ODF);
- (b) if so, the details of the number of toilets constructed with Government funds in rural areas of the country including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that as per a UN report 44 percent of Indian people continue with open defecation and if so, the target set by the Government to make the country ODF;
- (d) whether accessibility study of the toilets for those living in villages has been done and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) As reported by the States on the Integrated Management Information System of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)], all the villages have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF).
- (b) Under SBM(G), about 8.77 crore individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been constructed with Government fund support.
- (c) As per 2015 Report of UNICEF and WHO titled 'Progress on Sanitation and Drinking Water – 2015 update and MDG assessment'; in India 44 per cent people were resorting to open defecation. Government of India had launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to make the country ODF by 2nd October, 2019 by providing access to toilet to all the rural households in the country. More than 10 crore individual household latrines were constructed under the programme from 2014 to 2019. As a result, all the villages declared themselves ODF as on 2nd October, 2019. Under Phase-II of SBM(G) also, which is under implementation from 1st April, 2020, a provision has been made to cover any left out or newly emerged household with access to toilet.

(d) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation had conducted three rounds of National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) during 2017-18 to 2019-20 through an independent verification agency. As per the results of NARSS 2019-20, 94.4% households were having access to toilets.

(e) Does not arise.
