

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 936

TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 24, 2018

SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

No. 936                      SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (urban) to achieve its objective of eliminating manual scavenging; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of community toilets in the country including Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a): The objective of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) is to achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 in urban areas. As per Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) Guidelines, all Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) being constructed are only sanitary toilets which eliminates manual scavenging. Government have also brought out a National Policy on Fecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) in the year 2017 which emphasizes implementation of legal prohibition of "manual scavenging" under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

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(b): Some of the steps taken to improve the condition of community toilets (CTs) in the country including Madhya Pradesh are as under:

(i). Promotion of toilets with water connectivity to improve the condition of CTs,

(ii). Online feedback systems have been installed for regular monitoring and cleaning of toilets,

(iii). Information, Education and communication (IEC) activities are conducted at ULB level for generating awareness about proper use of toilets.

(iv). Funds have been disbursed to ULBs by State Governments for sanitary pad dispensers and installation of incinerators in the toilets.

(v). MoHUA is monitoring the progress of SBM-U through consultation workshops with Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), video conferencing with the State Mission Directors, ULBs uploading of ground level data on SBM portal etc.

(vi). A random check is done during 'Swachh Survekshan' to ascertain the overall cleanliness and facilities such as water & electricity availability, collection of user charge for maintenance etc. provided in community toilets.

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