GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802**

TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 02, 2018

**TOILETS NOT IN USE DUE TO LOGISTICAL AND ACCESSIBILITY REASONS**

**No. 1802 SHRI SANJAY SINGH**

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

1. whether it is a fact that toilets constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) remain unused and are excluded due to various logistical, accessibility as well as social reasons;
2. if so, the steps Government has taken to counter such social and accessibility reasons and to make toilets accessible to the public during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for the failure of the usage and the steps taken to counter the reasons since 2015, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE**

**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

1. Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U), the toilets constructed are being used and no such incident is reported till date. In regard to Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) which is under Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, a National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) has been conducted in 2017-18 through an Independent Verification Agency. As per the sample survey, 93.4% of the rural households having access to a toilet were found to be using them regularly. Instances where toilets remain unused are very few and isolated.
2. & (c): Sanitation also involves a behavioural issue and requires change of mindset of people to stop open defecation and to adopt safe sanitation practices. States are also carrying out Information, Education and Information (IEC) campaigns including interpersonal communication (PC). Many States are focusing on community approaches, wherein the people are directly made aware about the importance of sanitation and hygiene using interactive/ community-based triggering tools. Besides, conventional IEC tools are also used to educate people.Under Swachh Bharat Mission the percentage of funds being spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Capacity Building activities is as under:

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|  | Central Level | State/UT Level |
| Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) | 4.20% of programme fund | 12.50% of programme fund |
| Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) | 3% of programme fund | 5% of programme fund |

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