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## Urban Local Bodies in race to be certified as Open Defecation Free

**362 cities and towns in 15 States are now certified as open defecation free (ODF)**

**Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are top 3 states having maximum numbers of ULBs declared ODF**

**New Delhi | November 29, 2016:** The Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to make India open defecation free (ODF), has now become a mass movement among civil societies and individuals, towards promoting use of toilet and hygiene. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across country are working round the clock to educate, engage and make aware its population about ill effects of open defecation on children and society.

Presently, 362 ULBs have been declared open defecation free through a third party verification process. In Gujarat 167 ULBs have been provided with ODF certificates by the third party, followed by 91 in Andhra Pradesh, 70 in Maharashtra, 12 in Telengana, 5 in Kerala, 5 in Tamil Nadu, 3 in Karnataka, 2 in Manipur, 1 each in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, New Delhi Municipal Council, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Chandigarh, as of November 2016.

Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development said, *“A ward or city can be notified/declared as ODF if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found to be defecating in the open. As per the protocol laid down by MOUD for third party verification and certification of ODF status- each ward and city first self-declares itself as ODF and on intimation of the same by the respective Urban Local Body or State, the Ministry gets such claims verified through a third party.”*

The States leading the race for ODF status are Gujarat and AP. Maharashtra, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are also gearing up to become ODF in the near future. For each zone in a city/town, a minimum of five places are inspected for ODF status. These places include a slum, school, public area like market or religious place, residential area and bus stand/railway station.

Consistent government interventions through Capacity building of ULBs, wide spread Public Awareness campaigns, coupled with physical construction of Individual toilets, and Community and Public Toilets have resulted in visible behavioral change among people towards use of toilet and sanitary habits over the last couple of years.

The Ministry of Urban Development is also undertaking an extensive audit of toilets in urban areas under ‘Swachhata Pakwada’ from 16 to 30 November to ensure that they are functional and fully used. In the last fifteen days, State and City Governments had been asked to reach out to community representatives for effective audit of functioning of Individual Household Toilets and Community and Household Toilets by addressing the deficiencies including water availability.

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## ULBs – SBM ODF Status

States	No of ULBs
Gujarat	167
Andhra Pradesh	91
Maharashtra	70
Telangana	12
Kerala	5
Tamil Nadu	5
Karnataka	3
Manipur	2
Chandigarh	1
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Madhya Pradesh	1
NCT of Delhi	1
Rajasthan	1
Uttarakhand	1
Chattisgarh	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>362</b>