

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs  
with Members of Parliament on Swachhata Pakhwada, 2018**

1. An interactive session under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal was held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 12.30 PM in G-074, Parliament Library Building, New Delhi to discuss the programme and activities relating to Swachhata Pakhwada being observed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs during 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The Meeting was attended by Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development, Members of Parliament and Officers/Staff of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. Following Members of Parliament attended the meeting :-

1. Shri Om Birla, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
2. Shri Ramcharan Bohra, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
3. Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
4. Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

2. At the outset, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs welcomed Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and other dignitaries.

3. Shri Parameswaran Iyer Secretary Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation made a Power Point Presentation on Swachh Bharat Mission initiative of the Government under the Leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also gave a detailed and elaborate picture of various programme and activities undertaken to improve hygiene, sanitation and living conditions of mass population living in Rural and Urban areas of the country.

4. During the discussion, Hon'ble Members of Parliament raised various issues regarding Open Defection and Shortage of Water for proper functioning of Toilets. They emphasized that there should be some agencies to monitor the construction and functioning of Toilets in Rural areas which are made with the financial assistance of Central Government. Members were of the view that role of Panchayats should be increased. It was suggested that for better implementation of the scheme, manpower should be hired on contract basis. It was also suggested that wages under MNREGA should be increased and the workforce may be utilized for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan also. MPLAD funds may also be used for the purpose of Swachh Bharat Mission.

5. Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development apprised about various schemes and their success in different parts of the country and also the steps taken by the Government to remove the difficulties and obstacles coming in the way of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. They appreciated the encouragement and enthusiastic participation of Rural and Urban people in this high spirited mission. Secretary Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation replied and clarified issues and concern raised by Hon'ble Ministers and Members of Parliament.

6. The meeting ended at 1.30 PM with vote of thanks by Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.