

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL SANITATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made surveys to assess the sanitation requirements in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the assessment made in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) the financial requirements to meet rural sanitation programme in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a), (b) and (c): No State-wise survey has recently been made by the Central Government to assess the sanitation requirements in the rural areas of the country. However, it is estimated that rural sanitation coverage is around 16 to 20 per cent of the total rural households in the country. The Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for the 9th Plan had estimated a financial requirement of Rs 6251 crores for attaining 50 per cent rural sanitation coverage.

(d): Under the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme (RCRSP) during 1999-2000, an amount of Rs 10.52 crores was released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu as Central share.