

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding mis-utilization of funds under Central Rural Sanitation Programme during the last three years and till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far, State-wise;
- (c) the manner in which the Government monitor the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government have set any target for providing sanitation facilities to all the people in the country by the year 2010;
- (e) if so, details thereof;
- (f) whether there are wide divergence in the level of sanitation between different States;
- (g) if so, whether the Government propose to start a crash programme for some States under the programme; and
- (h) if so, the details of the programmes being planned for some States ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) : No specific complaint regarding misutilization of funds under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (Total Sanitation Campaign) has been received during the last 3 years.

(c) : The accounts of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) Projects are annually audited. The observation made in Audit/AG Certificates submitted by the District Implementing Agencies (ZP/DWSM/DRDA) are kept in view and submission of utilization certificates insisting upon while releasing the second or subsequent instalments. Further, multi-disciplinary Review Missions are sent to the districts to verify implementation of the programme on ground. The second or subsequent instalment of Central share of funds is released only on favourable recommendations of the Review Mission. The implementation of TSC projects is also reviewed by the senior officers of Government of India with the State and district level officers in regional workshops.

(d) & (e) : No physical target could be set for TSC implementation because the programme is demand driven. However, endeavour to achieve, by the year 2010, the Millennium Development Goals of halving by the year 2015 the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation, set in the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in September, 2002.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g) & (h) TSC is a demand driven programme implemented on participatory mode. Bringing in behavioural and attitudinal changes in the rural people for improved sanitation facilities and thereby generating demand for the same are the core principles of TSC implementation. To enhance demand generation for sanitation facilities in the States implementing TSC projects, Information, Education and Communication (IEC), and Human Resource Development (HRD) activities have been revamped to provide location specific intensive IEC activities under training.