

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POTABLE WATER AND TOILET FACILITY IN SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether urinal facility is not available to fifty per cent of rural population and they go in open to ease themselves;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has set any target to eradicate the practice of open defecation ;
- (c) the action taken to provide them permanent urinal facilities alongwith the time schedule fixed in this regards;
- (d) whether many schools in rural areas particularly girls schools are running without the facility of potable water and toilets
- (e) if so, whether non-availability of these basic facilities in schools has played vital role in increasing the drop-out rate among the girl students;
- (f) if so, the steps taken to provide the facility of toilets and potable water in all rural schools; and
- (g) the quantum of funds sanctioned by the Government for the same during the last three years and current year alongwith achievements made thereunder, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a): The Government of India administers Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment since the year 1999. As per the progress reported by the States through the online data monitoring system maintained by the Department, 65% of Rural households have access to toilets.

(b)&(c): As per the goals set under TSC, all rural households shall have access to toilets by the year 2012.

(d)&(e): Separate information for girls` schools is not maintained by the Department.

(f): Under TSC, all the government schools in the rural areas that do not have toilet facilities are being provided with sanitation facilities. Minimum two toilet units are provided in all co-educational rural schools so as to have separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls.

The rural schools are provided with drinking water facility as per the guidelines of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Jalmani programme of the Department of Drinking Water Supply.

(g): Fund released to States under TSC during the last three years, State-wise, is at Annexure-I. Achievements made during this period under TSC are at Annexure-II. No funds have so far been released and no progress has been reported by the States during the current financial year.

State-wise number of schools covered with drinking water facility during last three years are at Annexure-III. The funds released during last three years under NRDWP are at Annexure-IV. No funds have so far been released during current year. State-wise funds released and schools targeted/reported to be covered under Jalmani-Installation of standalone water purification system in rural schools during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are at Annexure-V.