

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORKING GROUPS ON DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute two high-level Working Groups on drinking water supply and sanitation to formulate strategic plans for the remaining two years of the current Plan period;
- (b) whether improved structure in the rural areas will check migration from rural to urban areas and also ease pressure on the urban infrastructure;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this will in turn facilitate better market and agro production and other allied facilities in the rural sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a) to (e) Yes Sir. This department has constituted two working groups one on Rural Drinking Water Supply and the other on Sanitation, including representatives from Ministry of Urban Development, Water Resources, Panchayati Raj and technical experts in the field of water and sanitation. These working groups will help the department in preparing strategic plan for implementing Rural Water and Sanitation schemes in an effective manner and reaching better services to the rural areas which will impact on migration, quality of life etc.