

**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) the extent to which the Government schemes to enhance rural sanitation have been successful;
- (b) whether rural sanitation has been neglected for other sectors;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has set target to achieve rural sanitation objectives;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of special schemes finalised to improve the rural sanitation in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The sanitation coverage in rural areas was 21.9% as per census 2001. With the successful implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), the sanitation coverage in rural areas has increased to around 67% as of October 2010 as per the progress reported by the States through on line data monitoring system maintained by the Department.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise

(d) to (f): Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. It is a demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit. The main components under the programme are incentives for Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), assistance for Community Sanitary Complex, Anganwadi toilets and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM). Since the programme is demand driven, there are no specific targets set under the programme. However, with the trend of effective demand generated in the past coupled with sufficient fund availability, it is targeted to achieve the project objectives under TSC by the year 2015.