

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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TOTAL SANITATION CAMPAIGN

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

(a) the total number of villages covered under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) till date alongwith the financial assistance provided to various States including Kerala;

(b) the total number of villages yet to be covered under TSC in the States;

(c) the total number of villages proposed to be covered under TSC during the current year alongwith the financial assistance provided/proposed to be provided by the Union Government, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for slow pace of implementation of TSC in Kerala?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): 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. TSC, at present, is being implemented in 607 districts of the country. As per the project proposals submitted by Districts through the States, all Gram Panchayats requiring improvement in sanitation facilities are supposed to be covered through the District projects. A statement indicating the detail of total Central financial assistance provided to the States including Kerala under TSC is at annexure.

(d): The rural sanitation coverage in Kerala as per census 2001 was 81.33%. With the effective implementation of TSC, the rural sanitation coverage, as reported by the State through online monitoring system maintained by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation is nearing cent percent as against all India coverage of approximately 67%.