

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF TSC

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in order to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with border goal to eradicate the practice of open defecation, the main goal of the Government is to eradicate the practice of open defecation by 2010 in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the physical target is likely to be achieved during the year 2010;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the main bottlenecks identified in the implementation of the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme 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. Sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country was only 21.92% as per census 2001. With the effective implementation of TSC, the rural sanitation coverage, as reported by the States through online monitoring system maintained by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation is approximately 67%. Since the programme is demand driven, there are no specific annual 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.