

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ECOLOGICAL SANITARY STRUCTURES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to develop ecological sanitary structures in the rural areas to conserve water and prevent contamination of groundwater sources due to lack of waste water disposal system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): 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. Ecological sanitation structures that allow storage of human excreta and urine, for composting or converting to usable and safe manure or fertiliser can be taken up under Total Sanitation Campaign. It should, however, be ensured that it does not involve the practice of manually cleaning and removing human excreta and is not in contravention of any existing provisions of law. Further, the structure should be so located that it does not lead to contamination of existing water bodies, water table below ground, rain water or other water streams. However, such concepts can be promoted along with existing traditional approaches incorporating necessary modifications in consultation with community.

(c): No specific allocation of funds is made for this component under TSC. However, Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is an integral component of TSC with a provision for expenditure up to 10% of the project outlay. Activities under ecological sanitation can be taken up appropriately under any of the components of the TSC including SLWM.