

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5343  
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SANITATION  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently convened a National Conference of State Ministers in charge of sanitation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of assistance being provided by the Government to various classes of people for construction of toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether rural sanitation coverage has increased in the recent past; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. A National Conference of State Ministers in charge of sanitation was convened on 28th October, 2010 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The details are given at Annexure.

(c)&(d): Under the programme Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) the Government provides an incentive of Rs.1500.00 (Rs. 2000.00 in hilly and difficult areas) to rural households Below Poverty Line (BPL) for Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) after construction and use of the toilet by the household in recognition of its achievement. In addition, the State Government also provides at least Rs.700.00 as incentive.

(e)&(f): Sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country was 21.9% as per census 2001. With the effective implementation of TSC, the rural sanitation coverage has increased to approximately 67% as reported by the States through online monitoring system maintained by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.