

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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SANITATION FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages/habitations in the country having access to proper sanitation facilities, State-wise;
- (b) whether large number of villages/habitations are still deprived of the proper sanitation facilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide sanitation facilities to all the villages/habitations of the country in order to ward off diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): 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. TSC is project based programme taking district as a unit operated in demand driven mode. TSC, at present, is being implemented in 607 rural districts of the country. A district project comprises of Gram Panchayat wise details of households and other components of TSC requiring improvement in sanitation facilities. Gram Panchayat is basic unit identified for monitoring community outcomes. The number of Gram Panchayats wherein all households are reported to have sanitation facilities as per the progress reported by the States through on line data monitoring system maintained by the Ministry, is at Annexure.

(b)to(d): TSC at present is being implemented in 607 rural districts of the country. Each Gram Panchayat of the district is covered under the campaign for having access to sanitation by all households. The sanitation coverage in rural areas was 21.9% as per census 2001. With the effective implementation of TSC, the sanitation coverage in rural areas has increased to approximately 74% as of October 2011.