

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMUNITY LED SANITATION PROGRAMME IN PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the panchayats have been assigned a crucial role in spreading hygiene and inculcate sanitation as a habit especially among children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the number of sanitation projects taken up by the panchayats during each of the last three years and current year alongwith the funds allocated/released and utilised in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government to improve Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) programmes and involvement of panchayats therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V.KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a)and(b): Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India launched a comprehensive Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) programme in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. TSC is demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit. The main components of the programme are Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), Community Sanitary Complex (CSC), Solid and Liquid Waste management (SLWM) and Information, Education and Communication (IEC). At present there are 607 rural district projects in the country. Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) have been identified as key implementing agencies in line with the Constitution 73rd Amendment Act, 1992. Accordingly, PRIs play a pivotal role in the implementation of TSC. PRIs carry out the social mobilization for the construction of toilets and are entrusted with the task of maintaining clean environment by way of safe disposal of wastes. PRIs act as custodian of assets such as the Community Complexes, drainage etc. constructed under TSC. PRIs can also facilitate opening and operation of the Production Centers/Rural Sanitary Marts for suitable sanitation hardwares. The state wise details of 607 districts projects including State of Andhra Pradesh is at Annexure-I.

(c): TSC is demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit. The details of funds released and utilized under TSC during each of the last 3 years and current year, State wise, are at Annexure-II.

(d): The strategy under TSC is to make the programme `community led` and `people centred`. There is no programme or component under TSC by the name Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).