

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD TOILETS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of household latrines constructed till date under the Total Sanitation Campaign;
- (b) whether the work of constructing household latrines under total sanitation campaign is running behind schedule;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The total number of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) reported to be constructed under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) till February 2012 is 8,55,43,559 units as per progress reported by the States through online data monitoring system maintained by the Ministry.

(b) to (d): TSC is a demand driven programme operated in a project mode. Therefore, there is no specific schedule for construction of IHHL. Information Education and Communication (IEC) and Human Resource Development (HRD) are the two important components of TSC. Individuals not having access to sanitation facilities are expected to construct toilets as per felt need generated through effective IEC carried out under TSC. With the effective implementation of TSC, the sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country against project objectives has reached 67% as of February 2012 as per progress reported by the States through online monitoring system maintained by the Ministry. With the existing trend of effective demand generated coupled with sufficient fund availability, it is expected that the present project objectives under TSC shall be achieved by the year 2017.