

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS

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

- (a) the percentage of population practising open defecation in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop such practice;
- (c) the details of the toilets constructed under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for construction of toilets during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Government of India administers Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to facilitate States to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. TSC is a demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit covering total rural population of the districts not having sanitation facilities. TSC, at present, is being implemented in 607 rural districts of the country. The sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country was 21.9% as per census 2001. 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 leaving the balance 33% of project objectives yet to be covered with sanitation facilities. The State wise percentage is at Annexure-I.

(c) State wise details of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) reported to be constructed under TSC during each of the last three years and the current year, till February 2012, as per progress reported by the States is at Annexure-II.

d) TSC is a demand driven project based programme. There is no annual allocation made to the States. The details of the funds released and utilized for construction of toilets during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at Annexure-III.