

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Sanitation Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the objectives of the Policy have been achieved;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the expenditure for improving sanitation facilities during the 12th Five Year Plan period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. 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. Allocations for TSC are made year wise. The Government has increased the allocation under TSC from Rs.1500 crore in the year 2011-12, the last year of the XI Five Year Plan to Rs.3500 crore as Budget Estimate during the year 2012-13, the first year of the XII Five Year Plan.