

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:125
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SANITATION FACILITIES
De Dr. Ratna

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

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance for baseline survey in rural areas for preparation of district projects under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC);
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake any study to review the existing sanitation projects in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the habitations/ villages covered under TSC, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to improve the sanitation condition in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRIJAI RAM RAMESH)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 125 admitted for reply on 22.03.2012

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is provision for Start-up activities under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) that includes conducting a Baseline Survey (BLS). The cost of Start-up activities are met fully by the Government of India assistance and form a part of total project outlay. Total assistance provided to the States under TSC as against the approved central share during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at annexure-I.

- (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) TSC is project based programme taking district as a unit. State-wise details of physical and financial outlay sanctioned indicating the number of districts covered in each State is at annexure-II.

(e) The total budgetary allocation for the programme has since been increased from Rs. 1500.00 crore during 2011-12 to Rs.3500.00 crore during the year 2012-13. To accelerate the sanitation coverage in rural areas, the Information Education and Communication (IEC) and Human Resource Development (HRD), the key components to generate and meet demand for sanitation have been strengthened. In addition, regular reviews are held with the State Governments, State level workshops are held to give district officials more exposure to good practices and encouragement to increased involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in implementation of TSC.