

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME AND SANITATION

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry of Rural Development has convened a round table meeting on strategies for Rural Drinking Water Supply Programme and Sanitation in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the further steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. A Round Table Conference was organized on 21st October 2009 for inviting suggestions and ideas of various eminent persons working in the field of rural drinking water supply and sanitation and State Government officials. The purpose of this conference was to analyze the present strategy and suggest future approach for the two sectors. Such conferences are held occasionally to obtain the feedback of eminent persons from the civil society and State Government representatives to consider changes, if required, in the two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC).