

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER AND TOILET FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to cover all Government and Government aided schools in the country including Karnataka with drinking water and toilet facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. All Government schools in the country, including Karnataka are proposed to be provided with drinking water, toilet and urinal facilities. The Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) includes a component of providing toilets and urinals to every Government school in rural area set up prior to 2006 that are not having toilets. All such schools are to be provided sanitation facility by the end of March, 2010, with separate toilets and urinals for girls and boys in co-educational schools. All new schools set up after 2006 under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan have to be constructed with drinking water and toilet facilities. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), no annual targets are fixed or allocations made for schools separately, but all existing Government schools in rural areas not covered under Sarva Sikha Abhiyan are to be provided with drinking water facilities by March 2010.