

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN ENGAGED IN NIGHT SOIL PRACTICE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 10 lakh women are engaged in carrying night soil even today in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has failed in achieving the target fixed for bringing the said practice to an end;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to achieve the target and the time by which the said practice is likely to come to an end?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) A scheme titled `Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme` for conversion of dry latrines into water borne latrines is being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation by providing a mix of subsidy and loan. Moreover, employment of manual scavengers as well as construction or maintenance of dry latrines is prohibited under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993.