

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SANITATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several public sanitations for lower income groups and slums are being closed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the alternative action taken by the Government to redress the problems of community sanitation facilities henceforth?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) and (b) Sanitation being State subject, information pertaining to closure of public sanitation facilities is not maintained at the Centre.

(c) To provide for community sanitation facilities in rural areas, projects are approved under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). For urban areas, the Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to assist cities and towns in 63 select cities under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) Programme. Under the JNNURM, Central assistance is provided to cities and towns for undertaking slum upgradation including projects on water supply, sewerage, drainage, community toilets, baths etc.. For non-Mission cities, the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSPD) has been launched for taking up slum upgradation activities including the provision of basic amenities to the slum dwellers. All three programmes, TSC, BSUP and IHSDP require project reports from State Governments for sanction/approval at the Central Government level.