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Title: Need to constitute a separate board at district level for monitoring and implementing the Total Sanitation Campaign particularly in Chamarajanagar Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): The Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) initiated in 1999 is a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with broader goal to eradicate the practice of open defecation. A nominal subsidy in the form of incentive is given to rural poor households for construction of toilets. The key intervention areas are Individual household latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), Community Sanitary Complex, Anganwadi toilets supported by Rural Sanitary Marts (RSMs) and Production Centers (PCs). The main goal of the GOI is to eradicate the practice of open defecation by 2017. To give fillip to this endeavor, GOI has launched Nirmal Gram Puraskar to recognize the efforts in terms of cash awards to those individuals and institutions who have contributed significantly in ensuring full sanitation coverage in their area of operation. The project is being implemented in rural areas of my constituency taking district as a unit of implementation. A target of 138985 beneficiaries were set as a target till March 2012 end and only 42.82 per cent progress was achieved by extending the scheme facilities to 59515 beneficiaries in Chamarajanagar district. In Karnataka out of the total Rs. 162.76 crore released for the year 2011-12, only Rs.68.12 crore were spent to achieve 42 per cent progress. The toilets constructed in schools and Anganawadi buildings are not maintained properly without proper water supply. There are rural areas where the villages are still practicing open defecation in my constituency.

Hence, I would like to urge the centre to take steps to constitute a separate board at district level for monitoring and implementing the Total Sanitation Campaign to eradicate the practice of open defecation.