

required to be posted in the Department's web-site by the States. Review Meetings are being taken to take stock of the progress of coverage. Also, Area Officers and other senior officers from the Government of India tour the States to review implementation to expedite progress.

Basic sanitation facility to all

3076. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to media reports it is estimated that only 30 per cent of the Indians have access to basic sanitation and about 60 crore Indians do not have toilets;
- (b) what is Government's data on it; and
- (c) whether Government may give a time-frame within which all rural population could be provided access to basic sanitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA): (a) and (b) Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. It is a demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit. Sanitation coverage in rural areas of the country was only 21.92% as per Census 2001. According to the information presented in the WHO/UNICEF report on 'Progress on sanitation and drinking water 2010 update' the use of sanitation facilities as a percentage of population was 31% in rural areas of the country. The information presented in the reports includes data from household surveys and censuses completed during the period 2007-2008 only. The data in the report do not reflect the efforts of the international year of sanitation 2008 and beyond which mobilised renewed support to stop the practice of open defecation and to promote the use of toilets.

- (c) With the effective implementation of TSC, the rural sanitation coverage, as reported by the States through online monitoring system maintained by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation is approximately 67%. With the trend of effective demand generated in the past coupled with sufficient fund availability, it is targeted to achieve the project objectives under TSC by the year 2015.

Rural road connectivity in Andhra Pradesh

3077. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of habitations provided with all weather roads in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some of the proposals of Andhra Pradesh are pending for examination with the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA);