

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2602**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

**TNHPS**

**2602. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:**

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) 2018-19 released by the Government of Tamil Nadu in October this year;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government on the finding that nearly 92 per cent of the rural population in Tamil Nadu that did not have toilets within their households practised open defecation; and
- (c) the reason for sharp contrast in TNHPS findings with the Government's National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2019-20 that shows nearly 95 per cent of the rural population in Tamil Nadu lives in open defecation free villages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) As per the report of Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) Pre Baseline Survey (PBS) 2018-19, conducted by Government of Tamil Nadu, 60.8% of the rural households had toilet facilities within their premises. Out of remaining 39.2% households, 7.6% of them used public/community toilets and 91.9% practiced open defecation. In this regard, details have been obtained from Government of Tamil Nadu. The State Government has informed that TNHPS-PBS was a sample survey and actual sanitation coverage in rural areas as on 01.4.2018, was 91%. This increased to 99.2% in 2019-20 and remaining 0.8% households which did not have space for household toilet, were having access to community and shared toilets.

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