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RIGHT TO RURAL SANITATION IN INDIA: TOWARDS A NEW FRAMEWORK

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Rural sanitation in India is a major problem and one of the government's top priorities for the country's growth. The relation between sanitation and development may be seen in the economic losses caused by poor sanitation, the health implications, the aesthetic appeal for tourists, etc. One of India's biggest development concerns is the lack of or inadequate sanitary services. According to estimates, inadequate sanitation and hygiene are responsible for one in ten fatalities in India. The Union Budget allots more than one lakh crore rupees annually for rural development and about 50,000 crore rupees (as of the fiscal year 2018) for the development of the health sector. These enormous sums imply that the Indian government considers this area to be a crucial factor in the country's development. The significance of rural sanitation and its current status in India are discussed in this chapter. The constitutional right to sanitation and its status in rural India are further discussed in this chapter. Then the chapter also highlights the need for change in the social attitudes of the rural population to achieve sanitation in rural households. Although not explicitly stated as a goal, a variety of legislative and policy initiatives have been made to realise the right to cleanliness. The paper suggests a framework to achieve the goal of rural sanitation and highlights why there is an urgency in achieving sanitation in the villages. It also further discusses the role played by the governments at various levels. The chapter also discusses these legislative and policies at length. Then the paper also traces the salient features of access to sanitation.

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