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The Editor,
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Sir,

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Mr. A.K. Angus' fear (June 7th) that metering water might create a health hazard is easily overcome: charges for water use (perhaps on a sliding scale) need be levied on only the recorded excess over what is deemed to be the minimum requirement for each household. A considerable saving of toilet flushing water could result if the use of an innovation reported not long ago in your PHS column were to be mandatory. The innovation is a new design of flush tank developed at the Central Building Research Institute in India. Depressing the actuating handle on the tank to one and then a subsequent position, releases a small ~~am~~ and then a greater volume of water to cater, respectively, for what the PHS report described as "minor" and "major" pan use.

Yours faithfully,

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