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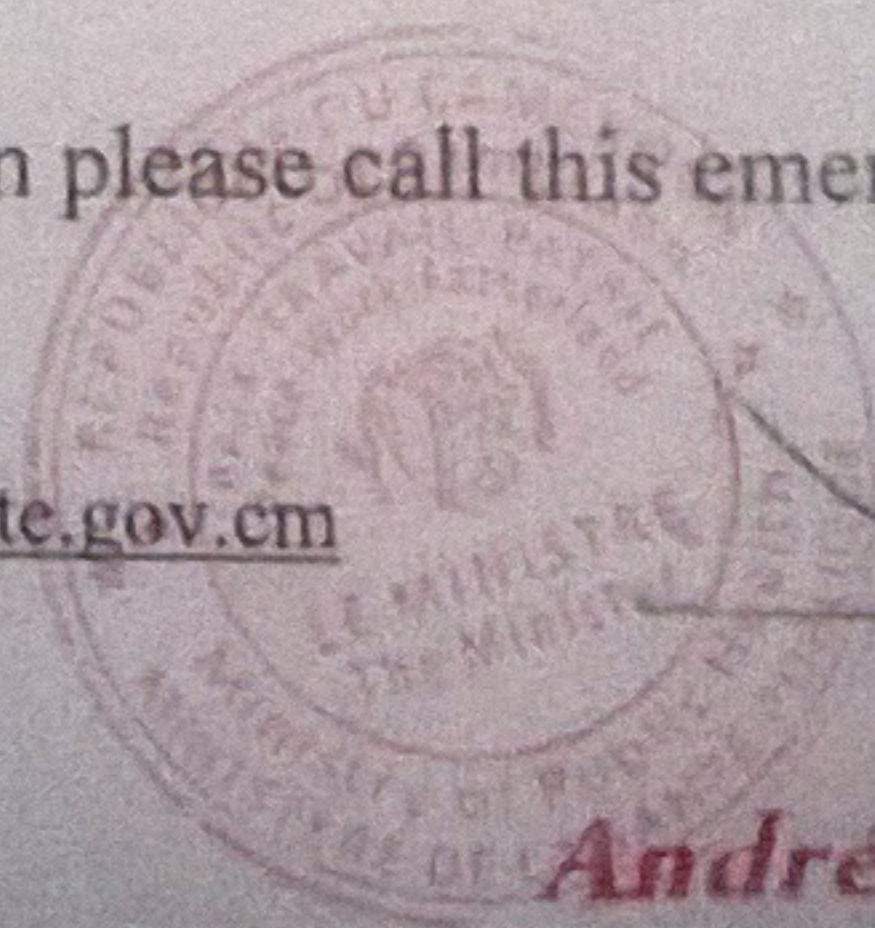
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- Avoiding the act of defecating in open air or in running water, by using latrines or toilets;
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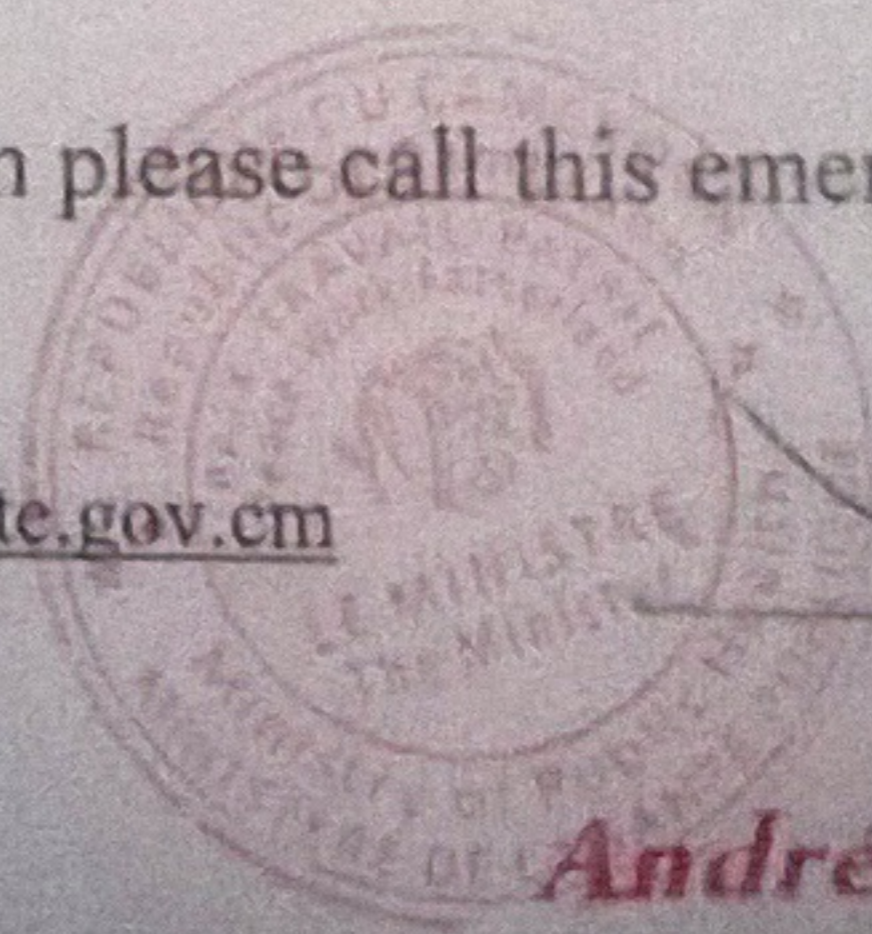
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