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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4802
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 21, 2025**

NAMASTE SCHEME

NO. 4802 SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total funds sanctioned under the National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme till June, 2025;**
- (b) the details of the total funds disbursed to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and States for mechanized sanitation thereunder since its inception along with the utilisation rate, State-wise; and**
- (c) the details of the percentage of urban households who depend on septic tanks having regular access to desludging services through mechanized means as per records?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a) : The National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme has been launched in July, 2023 by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) in convergence with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

The objective is to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers. The NAMASTE scheme is being implemented by the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), MoSJE for a period of three years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26, with a budget allocation of 349.73 crores. It is a Central Sector Scheme under which safety devices for mechanised sanitation for Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) are procured. As per information received from MoSJE, so far ₹105.655 crores has been sanctioned toward NAMASTE.

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(b) : As reported by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), under NAMASTE initiative, ₹4.15 crore has been incurred by Central Government and ₹0.25 crores disbursed to State Government of Assam towards procurement of safety devices by ERSUs for mechanised sanitation.

(c) : Out of an estimated 42 crore urban population in India, about 50% (4.5 crore households) use septic tanks. This indicates a critical need for regular desludging services to safely remove and dispose of faecal sludge at designated treatment locations. Around 35% of the population is connected to sewer networks that require regular maintenance for efficient wastewater flow to treatment plants. Both sewer systems and septic tanks need regular cleaning - sewer manholes must be cleared of blockages, and septic tanks must be desludged regularly.
