

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.265  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025**

**NAMASTE SCHEME**

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**SHRI ASHISH DUBEY:**

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the objectives and key components of the National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme;
- (b) the number of sewer and septic tank workers profiled and the extent of distribution of PPE kits and Ayushman cards so far, State-wise particularly in Rajasthan and Dumka of Jharkhand;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure mechanization, safety, and social security for sanitation workers in the Country, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether any awareness and outreach activities have been organized under the said scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, with specific reference to activities conducted in Rajasthan; and
- (f) whether the said Scheme has been implemented in Jabalpur also, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

- (a): Department of Social Justice and Empowerment in convergence with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the "National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)" Scheme in 2023-24 for its implementation in all Urban Local

Bodies (ULBs) of the country. The objective is to ensure safety and dignity of Safai Karmacharis and to empower them socially and economically. The aim of the scheme is to achieve the following:-

- Zero fatalities in sanitation work in India
- All sanitation work to be performed by skilled workers
- No sanitation workers come in direct contact with human faecal matter
- Increase awareness amongst sanitation services seekers (individuals and institutions) to seek services from registered and skilled sanitation workers
- Strengthening and capacitating Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) to ensure safe delivery of mechanized sanitation services.
- Empowering of Sanitation workers to run sanitation enterprises and promote mechanization of cleaning operation through availability of machines.

(b): State-wise details of validated Sewer and Septic Tank Workers, distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and Ayushman Cards generated including Rajasthan and Jharkhand is at **Annexure**.

The following activities have been conducted in Dumka district of Jharkhand:-

- i. 15 SSWs have been validated.
- ii. 07 SSW beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, State Health scheme and NAMASTE scheme.
- iii. 15 PPE kits for SSWs and 01 Safety Devices Kit for Emergency Response Sanitation Units dispatched.
- iv. 2 workshops conducted on Prevention of Hazardous Cleaning of Sewer and Septic Tanks.

(c): The following steps have been taken for mechanization, safety and social security to sanitation workers under NAMASTE scheme:-

- i. Safety devices to Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs).
- ii. Upfront Capital Subsidy to sanitation workers and Private Sanitation Service Operators for procurement of sanitation related machinery.
- iii. PPE Kits to Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs).
- iv. Occupational training to SSWs.
- v. Workshops on prevention of hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks.
- vi. Coverage under Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY), States Health scheme and NAMASTE scheme.

State-wise status of safety devices to ERSU, PPE Kits, AB-PMJAY are at **Annexure**. Status of NAMASTE scheme in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh is as under:-

- i. 443 SSWs surveyed.
- ii. 347 beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, State Health scheme and NAMASTE scheme.
- iii. 439 PPE kits for SSWs and 01 Safety Devices Kit for Emergency Response Sanitation Unit dispatched.

(d): Information, Education and Communication (IEC) collaterals, including films, posters, banners, brochures, audio announcements, wall painting designs and news paper advertisements have been used for awareness and outreach.

1,188 dedicated workshops on the prevention of hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks have been conducted across States/ULBs.

(e): The following awareness and outreach activities have been undertaken in Rajasthan, under the scheme:-

- Audio announcements in Hindi across major public areas to inform citizens about scheme benefits and processes.
- Posters and banners have been displayed at prominent public locations, including ULB offices, to enhance visibility of key messages.
- ULB-level newspaper advertisements have been issued to disseminate scheme-related updates.
- Wall paintings in community areas have been undertaken to ensure sustained public awareness.
- Additionally, stickers have been placed on vehicles used by field teams and Urban Local Bodies staff to facilitate mobile publicity and strengthen last-mile outreach.

(e): NAMASTE scheme has been implemented in Jabalpur. The implementation status of the NAMASTE scheme in Jabalpur is as under:-

- i. 252 SSWs have been surveyed.
- ii. 189 beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, State Health scheme and NAMASTE scheme.
- iii. 250 PPE kits for SSWs and 1 Safety Devices Kit for Emergency Response Sanitation Units issued.
- iv. 01 workshops conducted on Prevention of Hazardous Cleaning of Sewer and Septic Tanks.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 265 for answer on 02.12.2025 regarding NAMASTE scheme.

State-wise status of NAMASTE scheme

Sr. No.	State	Validated SSWs	PPE Kits Delivered	SAFETY DEVICES Dispatched TO ERSU	Health Card Generated
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	60	60	3	60
2	Andhra Pradesh	4017	4005	26	3647
3	Arunachal Pradesh	86	86	2	63
4	Assam	462	462	31	366
5	Bihar	3462	3461	22	2827
6	Chandigarh	253	252	1	235
7	Chhattisgarh	1465	1465	38	1292
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	116	116	3	98
9	Delhi	3649	3626	11	3559
10	Goa	251	250	2	216
11	Gujarat	7633	7345	32	3539
12	Haryana	2677	2667	22	2181
13	Himachal Pradesh	428	418	4	329
14	Jammu & Kashmir	720	719	20	572
15	Jharkhand	1115	1120	24	847
16	Karnataka	6308	6300	42	5403
17	Kerala	1797	1761	14	1595
18	Ladakh	21	21	2	17
19	Lakshadweep	86	86	0	81
20	Madhya Pradesh	3398	3423	55	2524
21	Maharashtra	8600	7973	45	5316
22	Manipur	185	185	6	169
23	Meghalaya	108	108	9	95
24	Mizoram	143	140	1	99
25	Nagaland	105	105	4	81
26	Odisha	1294	0	16	1294
27	Puducherry	243	243	2	231
28	Punjab	4463	4407	23	3842
29	Rajasthan	4037	4021	36	2098
30	Sikkim	107	107	5	106
31	Tamil Nadu	6981	6981	0	6981
32	Telangana	3796	3807	37	2973
33	Tripura	352	352	8	323
34	Uttar Pradesh	12418	11414	75	9757
35	Uttarakhand	638	629	6	504
36	West Bengal	7630	7628	26	7630
	<b>Total</b>	<b>89104</b>	<b>85743</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>70950</b>

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