

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ERADICATION OF MANUAL SCAVENGING
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a policy decision to eradicate the manual scavenging in the country;
- (b) if so, the amount earmarked in the current financial year for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up with various Ministries/Departments of the Government for implementation of this policy decision; and
- (d) if so, the details of such Ministries which have yet to implement the policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Government has formulated the National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007.
- (b): In the Budget Estimate (BE) for the financial year 2005-06, an amount of Rs.30 crore has been allocated for the Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for Liberation of Scavengers, a component of the National Action Plan. The scheme envisages conversion of dry latrines into twin pit water borne flush latrines enabling liberation of manual scavengers.
- (c)&(d): A central Monitoring committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been constituted to monitor the implementation of the National Action Plan.