

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3259  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2006  
REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS  
Pathak Shri Brajesh

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to find out the number of scavengers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of such persons have declined on account of the steps taken by the Government for the eradication of such practice and improving their conditions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds spent by the Government on rehabilitation of such persons during each of the last three years, State-wise and item-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d):A statement showing statewise number of scavengers identified, number of scavengers assisted for rehabilitation and the number of scavengers that remain to be assisted is given at annexure-I.

(e) A statement showing, State/UT wise, Central Assistance released for rehabilitation of scavengers, during the last three years is given at annexure-II.