

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1240
ANSWERED ON - 13/12/2023

DEATH DUE TO CLEANING OF SEWERS AND SEPTIC TANKS

1240. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that four migrant workers have died while cleaning septic tank in Gujarat;
- (b) whether Government proposes to enumerate the total number of people who have died while cleaning septic tanks and sewers in the last five years;
- (c) the total number of people died while cleaning septic tanks and sewers in Gujarat in the last five years; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that an overwhelming majority of the people who have died while cleaning septic tanks are from Dalit/ST/Minority community?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) Government of Gujarat has informed that death of 4 people occurred while cleaning of treated effluent water tank and not while cleaning septic tank.
- (b) Government is maintaining data of deaths occurred in State/UTs due to hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks and compensation paid to them.
- (c) 58 deaths have been reported during last five years and during current year till 30.11.2023 while cleaning of sewer/septic tanks in Gujarat.
- (d) No such data is maintained centrally.
