

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1191
ANSWERED ON 10/03/2025**

MANUAL CLEANING OF TOILETS AND SEWERS

1191. DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

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

the number of workers engaged in manual cleaning of toilets and underground sewers in different States of the country and the financial and non-financial facilities that are provided to them in different States?

ANSWER

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

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) is the nodal Ministry which formulates and implement schemes for the welfare of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers. As informed by MoSJE two surveys have been conducted for identification of erstwhile Manual Scavengers in the year 2013 & 2018 as per which 58098 eligible manual scavengers were identified. Under the Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) envisaged for rehabilitation of manual scavengers, the following benefits have been extended:

- i. One-time cash Assistance of Rs.40,000/- per family has been provided to all identified and eligible 58098 manual scavengers.
- ii. Capital Subsidy upto Rs.5,00,000/- has been provided to 2544 manual scavengers and their dependents to take up alternate self employment projects.
- iii. Skill Development Training has been provided to 24294 identified manual scavengers and their dependents with a stipend @Rs.3,000/- per month during the training period.
- iv. Health Insurance coverage under AB-PMJAY.
