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NATIONAL ACTION FOR MECHANIZED SANITATION ECOSYSTEM (NAMASTE)

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

- (a) the major achievements made so far under National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)Scheme;
- (b) whether the Ayushman cards issued under this scheme ensure access to quality healthcare services to sanitation workers and their families; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c) National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for the welfare of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and Waste Pickers.

NAMASTE scheme includes health insurance coverage under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) to the identified beneficiaries.

Major achievements under NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

- 84,902 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been validated in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country.
- 45,871 PPE kits for SSWs & 354 Safety Devices Kit for Emergency Response Sanitation Units issued to States/UTs.
- 54,140 beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat– PMJAY and State health scheme.
- Capital Subsidy of Rs. 20.36 Crore released to 707 sanitation workers and their dependents for sanitation related projects.
- 1,089 workshops conducted on Prevention of Hazardous Cleaning of Sewer and Septic Tanks.
- 37,980 waste pickers validated in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country.
