

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3798
ANSWERED ON – 25/03/2026

NAMASTE SCHEME IN KONKAN

3798. # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL

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

(a) the district-wise number of total deaths during sanitation work in the Konkan region of Maharashtra during the last five years;

(b) the district-wise details of funds sanctioned and released under the "National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)" scheme during the last five years for the Konkan region;

(c) the total number of persons trained in mechanized sanitation during last five years, the district-wise details for the Konkan region; and

(d) the district-wise details of the total number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits distributed in the Konkan region?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) As reported by the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), the number of Sewer and Septic Tank deaths in some districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra, district-wise, during the last five years i.e. from 2021 to 2025, is as under:-

S. No.	Name of the District	Number of Death
1	Mumbai/ Mumbai Suburban	6
2	Palghar	4
3	Raigadh	2
Total		12

(b) National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme, a Central Sector Scheme, is operational since FY 2023-24. District-wise expenditure incurred under NAMASTE scheme since its launching till 18.03.2026 for Konkan Region is at **Annexure**.

(c) Occupational Safety Training (OST) under NAMASTE scheme have commenced since November, 2025 and till 18.03.2026, OST to 38 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) has been completed in only one district namely Mumbai of Konkan region.

(d) District-wise number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits distributed in the Konkan region is as under:-

S.NO	Name of the District	Number of PPE Kits to SSWs	Number of PPE Kits to Waste Pickers
1	Mumbai/ Mumbai Suburban	2643	7781
2	Palghar	57	-
3	Raigadh	231	-
4	Ratnagiri	23	-
5	Sindhudurga	35	-
6	Thane	887	565

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3798 for answer on 25.03.2026 regarding NAMASTE scheme in Konkan.

District-wise expenditure incurred under NAMASTE scheme since its launching till 18.03.2026 for Konkan Region is as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	District	Total Expenditure (as on 18.03.2026)
1	Mumbai/ Mumbai Suburban	182.70
2	Palghar	6.56
3	Raigadh	14.35
4	Ratnagiri	3.25
5	Sindhudurga	3.00
6	Thane	75.70
