

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4279
ANSWERED ON – 01/04/2026

BUDGET ALLOCATION AND REHABILITATION OF MANUAL SAVENGRS

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

- (a) total Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimate (RE), Actual Expenditure (AE) under the Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) during last five financial years, year-wise, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has discontinued explicit rehabilitation components such as compensation, cash assistance, skill development and concessional loans after replacing SRMS with National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme;
- (c) total funds allocated, released, utilised under NAMASTE during last five years, year-wise and State-wise/UT-wise;
- (d) amount of financial assistance provided through National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC) during last five years, year-wise, State-wise/UT-wise; and
- (e) total number of manual scavengers identified, rehabilitated and provided compensation for above period, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c) The funds under the Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) and National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme are not allocated State-wise/UT-wise. Details of Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure (AE), under SRMS/NAMASTE scheme, during the last 5 years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Scheme	Financial year	BE	RE	AE
1	SRMS	2020-21	110	30	16.60
2	SRMS	2021-22	100	43.31	39.00
3	SRMS	2022-23	70	70	11.10
4	NAMASTE/SRMS	2023-24*	97.41	30.06	30.06
5	NAMASTE	2024-25	116.94	50	35.64

*Components of erst-while SRMS have been subsumed under NAMASTE from Financial Year 2023-24.

The following components under SRMS are continuing under NAMASTE scheme:-

- (1) Skill Development Training for identified Manual Scavengers/dependants.
- (2) Upfront Capital subsidy to identified Manual Scavengers/dependants for self-employment projects.

(d) Detail of State-wise/UT-wise financial assistance provided by National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) during the last 5 years is at **Annexure-I**.

(e) 58,098 Manual Scavengers have been identified during the two surveys conducted in 2013 and 2018 and all the identified Manual Scavengers have been provided One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) @ Rs. 40,000/-. Details of manual scavengers identified during the two surveys conducted in 2013 and 2018 and the benefits provided to the identified Manual Scavengers during the last 5 years are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4279 for answer on 01.04.2026 regarding Budget allocation and Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

Details of State-wise/UT-wise financial assistance provided by National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) during the last 5 years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	1622.7	385.2	-	-
2	Bihar	534.06	-	-	-	-
3	Gujarat	81.45	56.83	1066.51	33	154.95
4	Haryana	46.26	34.66	38.89	29.94	19.2
5	Himachal Pradesh	22.83	30	-	-	-
6	Jammu and Kashmir	-	671.63	-	367.2	353.7
7	Jharkhand	-	1.81	-	-	-
8	Karnataka	-	-	-	113	-
9	Kerala	4669.73	21130.4	20120.9	20655.4	23639.5
10	Madhya Pradesh	240.23	-	-	-	-
11	Maharashtra	63.9	-	317.45	859.5	61.6
12	Nagaland	-	90	47.25	-	-
13	Puducherry	-	-	-	-	289.34
14	Punjab	199.13	246.46	100.8	56.16	37.42
15	Rajasthan	247.32	1395.25	1465.55	-	-
16	Tamil Nadu	-	-	415.67	-	474.71
17	Tripura	-	-	612.54	45	-
18	Uttarakhand	-	-	-	-	37.47
19	West Bengal	-	777.5	1578.29	-	-
Total		6104.9	26057.2	26149	22159.2	25067.9

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4279 for answer on 01.04.2026 regarding Budget allocation and Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

Details of manual scavengers identified during the two surveys conducted in 2013 and 2018 and the benefits provided to the identified Manual Scavengers during the last 5 years are as under:

S. No.	Name of State / UT	No. of MS identified during 2013 and 2018 survey	Number of Manual Scavengers provided benefits during 2020-21 to 2024-25		
			OTCA	Skill development training	Capital subsidy
1	Andhra Pradesh	1793	330	72	-
2	Assam	3921	3051	198	2
3	Bihar	131	-	-	-
4	Chhattisgarh	3	-	-	-
5	Gujarat	105	-	-	-
6	Jharkhand	192	68	-	-
7	Karnataka	2927	1046	326	671
8	Kerala	518	0	12	-
9	Madhya Pradesh	510	169	145	-
10	Maharashtra	6325	718	459	9
11	Odisha	230	11	-	-
12	Punjab	231	9	-	10
13	Rajasthan	2673	232	1094	14
14	Tamil Nadu	398	14	-	3
15	Uttar Pradesh	32473	6267	6584	348
16	Uttarakhand	4988	2775	962	22
17	West Bengal	680	2	16	445
	Total	58098	14692	9868	1524
