

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -610
ANSWERED ON – 04/02/2026

**NATIONAL ACTION FOR MECHANISED SANITATION ECOSYSTEM
(NAMASTE)**

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

- (a) the total number of sanitation workers covered under NAMASTE scheme, as of December, 2025, State-wise;
- (b) the average increase in income of sanitation workers following the implementation of mechanised sanitation initiatives;
- (c) how many workers have been enrolled in social security schemes under NAMASTE and what percentage of total sanitation workers does this represent;
- (d) whether the Ministry has identified measurable indicators showing enhanced efficiency or productivity due to mechanisation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) 89,114 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been validated under NAMASTE scheme. State-wise details of SSWs is at **Annexure**.
- (b) Details regarding average increase in income of sanitation workers following the implementation of mechanised sanitation initiatives is not maintained.
- (c) 73,864 SSWs are covered under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), State's Health Schemes and NAMASTE scheme which is 82.88% of the total number of SSWs validated so far.
- (d) & (e) No measurable indicators have so far been identified to show enhanced efficiency or productivity due to mechanisation.

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 610 for answer on 04.02.2026 regarding National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

State -wise detail of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (As on 31.12.2025)

S.No.	Name of State	Validated Sewer and Septic Tank Workers
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	60
2	Andhra Pradesh	4018
3	Arunachal Pradesh	86
4	Assam	462
5	Bihar	3462
6	Chandigarh	253
7	Chhattisgarh	1465
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	116
9	Delhi	3649
10	Goa	250
11	Gujarat	7634
12	Haryana	2677
13	Himachal Pradesh	428
14	Jammu and Kashmir	725
15	Jharkhand	1115
16	Karnataka	6308
17	Kerala	1797
18	Ladakh	21
19	Lakshadweep	86
20	Madhya Pradesh	3401
21	Maharashtra	8595
22	Manipur	185
23	Meghalaya	108
24	Mizoram	143
25	Nagaland	105
26	Odisha	1294
27	Puducherry	243
28	Punjab	4463
29	Rajasthan	4043
30	Sikkim	107
31	Tamil Nadu	6981
32	Telangana	3796
33	Tripura	352
34	Uttar Pradesh	12418
35	Uttarakhand	638
36	West Bengal	7630
	Total	89114