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WELFARE AND EMPOWERMENT OF WASTE PICKERS AND DEPRIVED SECTIONS

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

- (a) the specific steps taken by the Ministry in Maharashtra for the socio-economic profiling and occupational safety training of waste pickers and other extremely backward groups engaged in scrap collection; and
- (b) the number of beneficiaries in Maharashtra who have availed the benefits of the capital subsidy provided by the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) for the procurement of vehicles and equipment for dry waste processing?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) The National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) is a Central Sector Scheme. Under the Scheme, waste pickers engaged in Solid Waste Management are being profiled and validated by the States / UTs, including the State of Maharashtra, through a dedicated NAMASTE application. The validated waste pickers are provided with various benefits under the Scheme, including Occupational Safety and Skill Upgradation Training. Out of 57,143 validated waste pickers in the State of Maharashtra, 1,285 waste pickers have been provided Occupational Safety and Skill Upgradation Training.

(b) No proposal for procurement of waste collection vehicles and equipment for dry waste processing in the State of Maharashtra, has been received.
