

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1139
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

REHABILITATION OF MANUAL SCAVENGERS

†1139. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:

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

- (a) the details of the amount distributed as compensation to the families of deceased manual scavengers along with the total number of deceased during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the amount distributed under Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) during the last three financial years;
- (c) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure the distribution and use of safety equipment among sanitation workers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government to mechanize the cleaning of sewers and septic tanks?

ANSWER

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

(a): No death has been reported due to engaging in Manual Scavenging (which is lifting of human excreta from insanitary latrines as defined in Section 2(1) (g) of the MS Act, 2013). However, 233 persons have died due to accidents while undertaking hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks during the last three years and current year. State-wise details of deaths and payment of compensation as per Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgment dated 27.03.2014 are given at **Annexure**.

(b): Details of funds released under Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) during the last three financial years are as under:

S.I. No.	Financial Year	Funds Released
1	2019-20	84.80
2.	2020-21	16.60
3.	2021-22	39.00
	Total	140.40

(c) & (d): Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has also formulated "National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem" (NAMASTE) particularly to stop deaths of Sewers and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs). NAMASTE intends formalization of system of cleaning of sewers and septic tanks operations so that only trained workers are engaged in cleaning of sewers and septic tanks and no person loses life due to hazardous cleaning.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1139 for 13.12.2022 regarding Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

Year-wise and State wise details of death of persons and compensation paid during the last three years and current year in sewers and septic tanks.

S. No.	Name of State/UT	2019		2020		2021		2022	
		Total No. of death	Compensation paid	Total No. of death	Compensation paid	Total No. of death	Compensation paid	Total No. of death	Compensation paid
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
2.	Delhi	10	8	4	3	4	4	4	4
3.	Dadra Nagar & Haveli	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
4.	Gujarat	14	14	0	0	5	5	2	0
5.	Haryana	16	10	0	0	5	5	13	13
6.	Karnataka	7	7	2	2	5	5	0	0
7.	Maharashtra	17	10	4	0	0	0	12	12
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0
9.	Odisha	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
10.	Punjab	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0
11.	Rajasthan	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Tamil Nadu	13	13	9	9	8	8	10	7
13.	Telangana	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	28	15	0	0	4	2	4	4
15.	Uttarakhand	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	West Bengal	2	1	0	0	4	4	0	0
	Total	117	87	19	14	49	47	48	43
