

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4392
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NAMASTE

4392. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Five hundred cities will be taken up under current phase of NAMASTE and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned under the NAMASTE, State-wise;
- (d) the details of beneficiaries and progress made under the NAMASTE; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the NAMASTE?

ANSWER

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

- (a): A scheme, National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) has been formulated. The process of extending the Scheme to all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of the country has been initiated. Main features of the Scheme to be implemented in all ULBs are:
 - i. **Identification:** NAMASTE envisages profiling of the Sewer/Septic Tank Workers (SSWs).
 - ii. **Occupational Training and distribution of PPE Kits to SSWs**

- iii. **Assistance for Safety Devices to Emergency Sanitation Response Units (ESRUs)**
- iv. **Extending Health Insurance Scheme Benefits** to identified SSWs and their families under the Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- v. **Livelihood Assistance:** To promote mechanization and enterprise development by providing funding support and subsidy (capital +interest) to the sanitation workers, to procure sanitation related equipments/vehicles.
- vi. **IEC Campaign:** Massive IEC campaigns would be undertaken jointly by the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) & National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) to spread awareness about the interventions of NAMASTE and citizen centric awareness programmes communicating that sewer/septic tank cleaning services are to be obtained only from organized service providers duly empanelled with ULBs/ERSUs.

(b): Initially it was decided to cover five hundred AMRUT Cities now we are covering all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in a phased manner.

(c) & (d): The scheme is proposed to be undertaken during 2023-24 to 2025-26. Allocated budget for the year 2023-24 is Rs. 97.41 crore. It is a Central Sector Scheme as such there is no State-wise allocation.

(e): City centric approach has been taken to provide for mechanised cleaning equipment and trained manpower in the ULBs.
