

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1451  
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 20.09.2020**

**PROHIBITION OF MANUAL SCAVENGERS AND THEIR REHABILITATION**

**1451. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.**

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

(a) the details of budget provision made/allocated/ utilised for the implementation of prohibition of manual scavengers and their rehabilitation during each of the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;

(b) the details and number of families of safai karamcharis benefitted during the above period; and

(c) the details of unutilised fund held and their disposal as on date?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Budget Allocation (B.E.), Revised Allocation (R.E) and Funds released under the "Self Employment Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)" during the last three years and current year upto 15.9.2020 are as under:

**(Rs. in crores)**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>B.E</b>	<b>R.E.</b>	<b>FUNDS RELEASED</b>
2017-18	5.00	5.00	5.00
2018-19	20	85.76	85.76
2019-20	110	99.93	84.80
2020-21 Upto 15.9.2020	110	-	0

(b): The target group of the SRMS are identified manual scavengers and their dependents. Safai Karmacharis who are not manual scavengers and their families are not eligible for the benefits of the Scheme. The number of identified manual scavengers/dependents who were

provided rehabilitation benefits under SRMS during the last three years and the current year upto 15.9.2020 are as under:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ONETIME CASH ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING</b>	<b>CAPITAL SUBSIDTY FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS</b>
2017-18	1171	334	151
2018-19	18079	1682	151
2019-20	13246	2532	114
2020-21	13990	-	30

(c): The implementing agency of the Scheme, National Safai Karmacharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) is having Rs. 11.80 crores as unutilised funds as on 15.9.2020 for providing rehabilitation benefits to the remaining identified manual scavengers and their dependents during the remaining period of the current financial year.

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