

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2021**

FUNDS FOR MANUAL SCAVENGERS

2315. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

(a) whether the allocation of funds towards Scheduled Caste (SC) persons involved in manual scavenging has been reduced for the last few years and in the Budget 2021; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Central Sector “Self Employment Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers” is to provide rehabilitation benefits to all the identified manual scavengers without any caste, religion or economic restrictions. The Scheme being demand driven, the allocation and expenditure is dependent on the number of identified manual scavengers available in each year. Details of Funds allocated, funds released and the number of manual scavengers who have been provided Onetime Cash Assistance (OTCA) during the last three and current years are as under:

S. No.	Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. Cr)	Funds released (Rs. Cr)	No. of beneficiaries provided OTCA
1	20017-18	5.00	5.00	1171
2	2018-19	85.76	85.76	18079
3	2019-20	99.93	84.80	13246
4	2020-21(upto 28.02.2021)	30.00	16.60	13990
