

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2024**

NAMASTE SCHEME IN ASSAM

1217. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) whether the process of profiling of Sewage and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) has been completed in Assam, if so, the details regarding the caste composition of SSWs in Assam and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether all districts of Assam have appointed a Responsible Sanitation Authority and set up Sanitation Response Units;
- (c) the total funds disbursed and utilised under the NAMASTE scheme in Assam since its inception;
- (d) whether all eligible Urban Local Bodies in Assam have set up Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs); and
- (e) the total funds disbursed and the number of beneficiaries under the Skill Development Training Programme for NAMASTE in Assam during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a): In Assam, 359 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been profiled and out of which 326 SSWs have been validated.

Sewer and Septic Tank Cleaning work is an occupation based rather than caste based identification. The category wise composition of the validated SSWs in Assam state is as under:-

Category	Percentage
General	11.6
OBC	6.2
SC	72.7
ST	9.5

(b): The Government of Assam has appointed Responsible Sanitation Authorities (RSA) and has set up Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSU).

(c): Rs. 5.93 lakhs have been disbursed towards the various components of the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme to Assam.

(d): The Government of Assam has set up Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) in all eligible Urban Local Bodies.

(e): Rs. 50.36 lakhs have been disbursed and 613 Manual Scavengers/dependents have been trained under the Skill Development Training Programme in Assam under the Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) which has been subsumed in NAMASTE scheme.
