

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.28  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025**

**NAMASTE SCHEME**

**\*28. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:  
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:**

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

- (a) the details of key milestones achieved under the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme;
- (b) the details of Ayushman Cards issued under the Scheme to ensure access to quality healthcare for sanitation workers and their families; and
- (c) the detailed status of implementation of the said scheme in the country, State/UT-wise including Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.28 for answer on 22.07.2025 raised by Shri Balabhadra Majhi and Smt. Aparajita Sarangi regarding “NAMASTE scheme”**

(a) & (b): National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for the welfare of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs). NAMASTE scheme has been launched in July, 2023. Waste Pickers have been added as a target group under the scheme in June, 2024.

NAMASTE scheme extends health insurance coverage under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) to the identified beneficiaries.

Key milestones achieved under NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

- 84,902 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been validated.
- 45,871 PPE kits for SSWs & 354 Safety Devices Kit for Emergency Response Sanitation Units have been issued to States/UTs.
- 54,140 beneficiaries have been covered under Ayushman Bharat –PMJAY and State health scheme.
- Capital Subsidy of Rs. 20.36 Crore released to 707 sanitation workers and their dependents for sanitation related projects.
- 1089 workshops have been conducted on Prevention of Hazardous Cleaning of Sewer and Septic Tanks.

Further, 37,980 waste pickers have been validated in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country.

(c): 79,759 Sewer and Septic tank Workers (SSWs) have been validated in States and 5,143 SSWs have been validated in UTs. State/UT -wise status of implementation of NAMASTE scheme is at Annexure. Further, 66 SSWs have been validated in Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency. PPE kits have been issued for 50 SSWs, Safety Devices have been issued for two Emergency Sanitation Response Units (ERSUs) and Health insurance card have been issued to 53 SSWs.

Annexure referred in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 28 for answer on 22.07.2025 regarding NAMASTE Scheme

**State/ UT-wise status of implementation of NAMASTE scheme**

S.No.	STATE/ UT	SSWs Validated	PPE Kits to Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs)	Safety Devices dispatched to ERSU	Beneficiaries covered under PMJAY, NAMASTE and State health scheme	SUY scheme
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	60	40	1	48	
2	Andhra Pradesh	3992	2124	25	3422	555
3	Arunachal Pradesh	86	86	2	56	
4	Assam	450	308	31	297	
5	Bihar	3310	2626	22	2603	1
6	Chandigarh	253	252	1	232	
7	Chhattisgarh	1465	634	21	1210	
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	116	116	0	97	
9	Delhi	3645	135	0	1046	
10	Goa	249	93	2	154	
11	Gujarat	5470	4295	17	2236	20
12	Haryana	2627	2193	0	1747	4
13	Himachal Pradesh	414	180	0	301	
14	Jammu & Kashmir	719	700	2	566	
15	Jharkhand	1102	707	11	679	
16	Karnataka	6360	667	19	3695	
17	Kerala	1755	1589	14	1282	
18	Ladakh	21	21	2	17	
19	Lakshadweep	86	86	0	81	
20	Madhya Pradesh	3337	1908	24	1980	43
21	Maharashtra	8297	7135	32	3599	
22	Manipur	175	110	1	159	
23	Meghalaya	108		0	77	
24	Mizoram	140	140	0	43	
25	Nagaland	105	10	4	80	
26	Odisha	1295	*	0	0	
27	Puducherry	243	242	2	205	
28	Punjab	4336	4407	11	3139	
29	Rajasthan	3867	3299	21	1383	7
30	Sikkim	107	95	5	94	
31	Tamil Nadu	6975		0	6975	44
32	Telangana	3719	1198	15	2214	7
33	Tripura	350	110	8	232	
34	Uttar Pradesh	11969	10092	55	6689	26
35	Uttarakhand	628	119	6	503	
36	West Bengal	7071	154	0	6999	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>84902</b>	<b>45871</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>54140</b>	<b>707</b>

\*All 1295 SSWs have been provided PPE kits under Garima scheme of the State.

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