

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1395  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025**

**WASTE PICKER UNDER NAMASTE SCHEME**

**1395.SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:**

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**SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:**

**SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:**

**SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:**

**SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:**

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

- (a) the number of waste pickers profiled under the National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme;
- (b) the target number of waste pickers proposed to be enumerated nationwide offering them formal identity and social protection, State and district-wise including Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Gujarat including tribal areas of Dahod;
- (c) whether the Letter of Agreement with United National Development Programme (UNDP) for establishing State Project Management Units (PMUs) under NAMASTE scheme provides any financial support; and
- (d) if so, the number of such PMUs to be set up and details of financial support allocated for the establishment and the timeline prescribed for their operationalization, if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise including Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for the welfare of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and Waste Pickers.

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

(b): There is no target for enumeration of waste pickers State and district-wise for the ongoing work of enumeration of waste pickers.

(c) & (d): Letter of Agreement between United National Development Programme (UNDP) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) provides financial support by UNDP for State Project Management Units (PMUs) for implementation of Waste Pickers component under the NAMASTE scheme.

Rs. 2,24,40,000/- have been allocated for establishment of 34 PMUs for implementation of NAMASTE scheme for a period upto 31.03.2026.

State-wise allocation including Maharashtra is at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1395 for answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Waste Picker under NAMASTE scheme.

S. No.	STATES/UTs	No. of State PMUs allocated
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	1
4	Bihar	1
5	Chhattisgarh	1
6	Goa	1
7	Gujarat	1
8	Haryana	1
9	Himachal Pradesh	1
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1
11	Jharkhand	1
12	Karnataka	1
13	Kerala	1
14	Ladakh	1
15	Madhya Pradesh	2
16	Maharashtra	2
17	Manipur	1
18	Mizoram	1
19	Meghalaya	1
20	Nagaland	1
21	Odisha	1
22	Puducherry	1
23	Punjab	1
24	Rajasthan	1
25	Sikkim	1
26	Tamil Nadu	1
27	Telangana	1
28	Tripura	1
29	Uttar Pradesh	2
30	Uttarakhand	1
31	West Bengal	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

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