

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5190  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2026**

**CASUALTIES OF SEPTIC TANK WORKER**

**5190. SMT. JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:  
SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:**

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

- (a) the total number of deaths reported during sewer and septic tank cleaning operations since 2001, year and State-wise including Chhattisgarh and Gujarat;
- (b) the number of cases in the State where compensation has been paid as per Supreme Court directions and the number of cases where it remains pending, State-wise;
- (c) the number of mechanised sewer cleaning machines procured and deployed in Chhattisgarh since 2019; and
- (d) whether any time-bound plan exists to eliminate manual entry into sewers in the State?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): As reported by National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), the number of sanitation workers who have lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks since 2001, year-wise and State-wise including Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): The number of cases where compensation has been paid and where compensation has not been confirmed, State-wise, is at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) & (d): Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 launched on 1st, October, 2021 includes a new component i.e. Used Water management (UWM) with one of the objectives as eradication of hazardous entry into sewers and septic tanks, and sustaining elimination of manual cleaning, through mechanization of sewer and septic tank cleaning operations. Central share funds for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) with population less than 1 lakh are released for procuring septic tank desludging equipment; etc.

Under UWM component of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U) 2.0, a total amount of ₹414.60 crores has been approved for the State of Chhattisgarh for various components. However, no proposal for procurement of desludging vehicles/ sewer cleaning machines has been received from the State of Chhattisgarh.

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5190 for answer on 24.03.2026 regarding Casualties of Septic Tank Worker.

Number of sanitation workers who have lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks since 2001, Year-wise and State-wise including Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, is as under:-

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
States/UTs	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	2	9	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-
Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Delhi	-	-	9	8	2	-	-	3	5	4	6	7	7	1	5	1	13	11	12	4	4	10	-	7	5	-
Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Gujarat	9	1	13	4	16	2	4	8	3	5	4	-	4	9	9	8	12	10	24	5	5	7	10	-	3	2
Haryana	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	4	2	3	-	3	5	4	4	-	11	6	16	1	6	23	6	1	7	-
Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
Karnataka	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	3	2	7	7	5	3	14	9	4	5	7	5	7	-	3	2	-	-
Kerala	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	-	-	1	-	5	-	2	3	1	2
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	5	6	16	4	7	19	10	14	5	-
Odisha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Puducherry	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Punjab	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	3	7	3	1	1	2	8	2	3	-	2	-	6	1	3	-
Rajasthan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	11	2	6	2	5	1	1	-	10	7	6	-
Tamil Nadu	2	1	5	16	14	11	11	5	7	7	9	17	24	14	8	7	7	10	22	16	3	14	9	6	6	-
Telangana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3	3	1	2	2	3	-	-	4	1	1	3	-	-
Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	4	1	-	1	3	-	-	1	2	4	8	2	4	6	11	7	20	9	22	-	5	11	2	9	8	-
Uttarakhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	-	2	-	6	-	3	-	4	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>

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**Annexure-II**

**Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5190 for answer on 24.03.2026 regarding Casualties of Septic Tank Worker.**

The number of cases where compensation has been paid and where compensation has not been confirmed, State-wise, is as under:-

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Total Number of sewer deaths	Full payment $\geq 10/30$ Lac	Partial Payment $\leq 30$ Lac	No Payment / payment not yet confirmed
1	Andhra Pradesh	28	27	-	-
2	Bihar	6	6	-	-
3	Chhatisgarh	6	6	-	-
4	Chandigarh	6	6	-	-
5	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	3	3	-	-
6	Delhi	124	106	7	11
7	Goa	7	2	4	1
8	Gujarat	207	177	-	-
9	Haryana	124	97	10	12
10	Jharkhand	4	1	3	-
11	Karnataka	96	95	-	1
12	Kerala	13	13	-	-
13	Maharashtra	97	85	5	7
14	Madhya Pradesh	26	25	1	-
15	Odisha	2	2	-	-
16	Puducherry	9	8	-	-
17	Punjab	51	49	1	-
18	Rajasthan	63	57	3	-
19	Tamil Nadu	264	257	-	2
20	Telangana	26	22	3	1
21	Tripura	2	2	-	-
22	Uttarakhand	9	8	1	-
23	Uttar Pradesh	149	120	5	15
24	West Bengal	31	27	3	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>1201</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>

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