

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.541  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026**

**SEWERS AND SEPTIC TANKS WORKERS**

**541. SMT. SATABDI ROY:**

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

- (a) total number of deaths that have occurred in the country while cleaning of sewers and septic tanks since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of cases where compensation has not been released, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): As per information provided by the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), year-wise details of sanitation workers who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks since 2014 is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): Year-wise number of cases where compensation has not been released to the legal heirs /dependents of the deceased Sewer and Septic Tank Workers is at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 541 for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding Sewers and Septic Tanks Workers.**

Year-wise details of sanitation workers who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks (As on 31.12.2025).

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Deaths</b>
1.	2014	58
2.	2015	71
3.	2016	62
4.	2017	111
5.	2018	74
6.	2019	131
7.	2020	40
8.	2021	62
9.	2022	88
10.	2023	65
11.	2024	54
12.	2025	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>859</b>

**Annexure-II**

**Annexure-II referred in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 541 for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding Sewers and Septic Tanks Workers.**

Year-wise number of cases where compensation has not been released to the legal heirs /dependents of the deceased Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (As on 31.12.2025).

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of cases where compensation has not been released</b>
1.	2014	-
2.	2015	2
3.	2018	3
4.	2019	4
5.	2022	3
6.	2023	4
7.	2024	15
8.	2025	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>

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