

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2679
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

NATIONAL SAFAI KARAMCHARIS FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2679. SHRI ATUL GARG:

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

- (a) the total number of sanitation workers and their dependants in the Ghaziabad Lok Sabha constituency who received concessional loans under the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) during 2025-26;
- (b) the details of the low-interest credit disbursed to beneficiaries in Ghaziabad for purchasing mechanized cleaning equipment, commercial vehicles and setting up small enterprises during the last one year;
- (c) the total financial grants utilized for conducting safety training and providing personal protective equipment kits to manual sewer cleaners in the Ghaziabad municipal zones;
- (d) whether the Ministry has identified any difficulties faced by hazardous cleaning technicians in Ghaziabad in obtaining institutional bank credit without collateral guarantees and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the specific measures being taken by the Government to transition all sanitation workers in Ghaziabad into mechanized safety networks?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) implements the concessional loan schemes through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the concerned State/ UT Government and the Partner Banks who have executed Memorandum of Agreement with NSKFDC.

No proposal from the SCA and the Partner Banks of Uttar Pradesh has been received for concessional loan under loan schemes of the NSKFDC for the target group of Ghaziabad Lok Sabha Constituency during 2025-26.

(b): Low interest credit under loan schemes of NSKFDC has not been disbursed to the beneficiaries for purchasing of mechanized cleaning equipment/ vehicles in Ghaziabad during 2025-26. However, upfront capital subsidy of Rs. 1.79 crore has been released under National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme for procurement of 28 mechanized cleaning vehicles/ equipment by 28 beneficiaries from the target group in Ghaziabad in 2025-26.

(c): Rs 1.71 Lakh has been utilized in Ghaziabad for Occupational Safety Training of 123 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) under the NAMASTE Scheme. Rs 21.79 Lakh has been utilized on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits for 545 SSWs in Ghaziabad.

(d): No such difficulties have been reported.

(e): Upfront capital subsidy upto 50% of project cost is provided to the sanitation workers and Private Sanitation Service Operators (PSSOs) for procurement of equipment and vehicles for mechanized cleaning of sewers, septic tanks and drains under NAMASTE Scheme.
