

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2026**

MANUAL SCAVENGERS

**331. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Manual Scavengers (MS) identified and pending identification since 2018 till date, year, State and district-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of sewer and septic tank workers identified under the Scheme, State and district-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the number of sewer and septic tank workers provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits under the Schemes, State and district-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the number of Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) established in Urban Local Bodies under the Scheme, along with details of safety devices provided thereto, State and district-wise, particularly for Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of funds released and utilised under the NAMASTE Scheme since 2018 till date, year and State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh ?

ANSWER

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

(a): The survey for identification of Manual Scavengers (MS) have been conducted in the year 2013 and 2018. State-wise details of identified manual scavengers in the survey conducted in 2018 is at **Annexure-I**. District-wise details of identified manual scavengers in the survey conducted in 2018 in Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-II**. Recently, a fresh survey of manual scavengers, as per the provisions of the "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" has been conducted in all districts of the country in which no manual scavenger has been found.

(b) & (c): National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme has been launched in 2023 to provide safety and dignity to Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs). Under the scheme, the number of SSWs validated and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits provided to States/UTs for SSWs is at **Annexure-III**. District-wise number of SSWs validated and PPE kits provided in Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-IV**.

(d): Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) are set-up by the States/UTs as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The safety devices provided to ERSUs under the NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

- i. Safety helmet with Torch.
- ii. Safety Tripod.
- iii. Axial Fan Blower.
- iv. Anti Static Conduit.
- v. Full Body Wader Suit.
- vi. Multi Gas Detector.

State-wise number of safety devices provided to ERSUs, is at **Annexure-V**. District-wise number of safety devices provided in Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-VI**.

(e): NAMASTE scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, launched in 2023. There is no provision for State-wise allocation of funds. The details of fund released and utilised since inception of NAMASTE scheme including State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

(Rs. In Crore)		
Financial year	Funds Released	Actual Expenditure
2023-24	30.06	30.06
2024-25	47.625	35.64
2025-26	97.6791	97.6791(approx.)
2026-27 (till date)	28.30	12.45 (approx.)

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

State-wise number of manual scavengers identified in the survey conducted in 2018 are as under:-

S.No.	State	No. of manual scavengers identified in the survey conducted in 2018
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1734
2.	Assam	3771
3.	Gujarat	105
4.	Jharkhand	192
5.	Karnataka	2238
6.	Kerala	518
7.	Madhya Pradesh	474
8.	Maharashtra	6325
9.	Punjab	141
10.	Rajasthan	2340
11.	Tamil Nadu	56
12.	Uttar Pradesh	20884
13.	Uttarakhand	4854
14.	West Bengal	585
	TOTAL	44217

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

District-wise number of manual scavengers identified in the survey conducted in 2018 in Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

S.No	Name of District	No. of manual scavengers identified in the survey conducted in 2018
1	Anantpur	1,231
2	East Godavari	251
3	Krishna	252
	TOTAL	1,734

Annexure-III referred to in reply to parts (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

State-wise number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) validated and PPE kits provided to States/UTs for SSWs under the NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

S.No.	Name of States/UTs	No. SSWs validated	No. of PPE Kits provided
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	60	60
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4052	4005
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	86	86
4.	Assam	466	462
5.	Bihar	3462	3461
6.	Chandigarh	253	252
7.	Chhattisgarh	1465	1465
8.	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	116	116
9.	Delhi	3649	3626
10.	Goa	250	250
11.	Gujarat	7648	7345
12.	Haryana	2677	2667
13.	Himachal Pradesh	435	418
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	727	719
15.	Jharkhand	1115	1120
16.	Karnataka	6312	6300
17.	Kerala	1797	1761
18.	Ladakh	21	21
19.	Lakshadweep	86	86
20.	Madhya Pradesh	3836	3423
21.	Maharashtra	8782	7973
22.	Manipur	185	185
23.	Meghalaya	108	108
24.	Mizoram	143	140
25.	Nagaland	105	105
26.	Odisha	1294	1294
27.	Puducherry	243	243
28.	Punjab	4465	4407
29.	Rajasthan	4082	4021
30.	Sikkim	107	107
31.	Tamil Nadu	6981	6981
32.	Telangana	3817	3807
33.	Tripura	353	352
34.	Uttar Pradesh	12463	11414
35.	Uttarakhand	644	629
36.	West Bengal	7630	7628
	TOTAL	89915	87037

Annexure-IV referred to in reply to parts (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

District-wise number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) validated and PPE kits provided under the NAMASTE scheme in Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

S.No.	District	No. of SSWs validated	No. of PPE Kits provided
1.	Anakapalli	56	56
2.	Anantapur	158	158
3.	Annamayya	42	42
4.	Bapatla	72	72
5.	Chittoor	100	100
6.	East Godavari	186	186
7.	Eluru	175	175
8.	Guntur	256	248
9.	Kadapa	184	184
10.	Kakinada	258	258
11.	Konaseema	93	93
12.	Krishna	161	147
13.	Kurnool	186	186
14.	Manyam	14	14
15.	Nandyal	42	42
16.	Nellore	219	219
17.	NTR	380	370
18.	Palnadu	132	132
19.	Prakasam	87	75
20.	Sri Satyasai	111	111
21.	Srikakulam	99	99
22.	Tirupati	257	257
23.	Visakhapatnam	533	531
24.	Vizianagaram	150	149
25.	West Godavari	101	101
	TOTAL	4,052	4,005

Annexure-V referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

State-wise number of safety devices provided to Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) under the NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

S.No.	States/UTs	No. of safety devices provided to ERSUs
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	3
2.	Andhra Pradesh	26
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	7
4.	Assam	31
5.	Bihar	38
6.	Chandigarh	1
7.	Chhattisgarh	38
8.	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	3
9.	Delhi	11
10.	Goa	2
11.	Gujarat	32
12.	Haryana	22
13.	Himachal Pradesh	8
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	20
15.	Jharkhand	24
16.	Karnataka	42
17.	Kerala	14
18.	Ladakh	2
19.	Madhya Pradesh	55
20.	Maharashtra	45
21.	Manipur	8
22.	Meghalaya	9
23.	Mizoram	1
24.	Nagaland	4
25.	Odisha	36
26.	Puducherry	2
27.	Punjab	23
28.	Rajasthan	36
29.	Sikkim	5
30.	Tamil Nadu	37
31.	Telangana	37
32.	Tripura	8
33.	Uttar Pradesh	91
34.	Uttarakhand	6
35.	West Bengal	26
	TOTAL	753

Annexure-VI referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 331 for answer on 21.07.2026 regarding Manual Scavengers.

District-wise number of safety devices provided to Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) in Andhra Pradesh under the NAMASTE scheme are as under:-

S. No.	District	No. of safety devices provided to ERSUs
1.	Anakapalli	1
2.	Anantapur	1
3.	Annamayya	1
4.	Bapatla	1
5.	Chittoor	1
6.	East Godavari	1
7.	Eluru	1
8.	Guntur	2
9.	Kadapa	1
10.	Kakinada	1
11.	Konaseema	1
12.	Krishna	1
13.	Kurnool	1
14.	Manyam	1
15.	Nandyal	1
16.	Nellore	1
17.	NTR	1
18.	Palnadu	1
19.	Prakasam	1
20.	Sri Satyasai	1
21.	Srikakulam	1
22.	Tirupati	1
23.	Visakhapatnam	1
24.	Vizianagaram	1
25.	West Godavari	1
	TOTAL	26
