

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3752
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2026**

NAMASTE SCHEME

**†3752. SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA:
Mrs. RUCHI VIRA:**

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

- (a) the details of mechanized sanitation equipment provided, allocated, under Swachhata Udyami Yojana, funds distributed and beneficiaries under the NAMASTE scheme in Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency and Uttar Pradesh during the financial year 2025-26;
- (b) whether suction and jetting machines procured in several municipal bodies, including Jaunpur are lying unused due to a lack of maintenance and trained operators, if so, the steps taken for their effective operation;
- (c) the number of engaged sewer and sanitation workers and waste pickers in Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency and Uttar Pradesh who have been provided benefits such as Ayushman Bharat cards, capital subsidies and other financial assistance;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create a legal protective framework to prevent economic exploitation by private service providers, as well as to ensure sustainable employment and technical training for youth from traditional sanitation worker communities, rather than merely transitioning them into machine operators and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has provisions for sustainable employment, technical training and protection from economic exploitation for the youth of traditional sanitation workers' families and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): During the financial year 2025-26, 37 beneficiaries of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with capital subsidy amounting to Rs 2.32 crore under Swachhta Udyami Yojana (SUY) of "National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme". Out of 37 beneficiaries, no beneficiary is from Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency.
- (b): No such report has been received from municipal bodies, including Jaunpur, of Uttar Pradesh.

(c): Number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers and Waste Pickers validated in Uttar Pradesh and Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency and benefits provided under National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme such as Ayushman Bharat cards, capital subsidy and other financial assistance is at **Annexure**.

(d): At present, there is no such proposal.

(e): The provisions made under the NAMASTE Scheme for sanitation workers is as under:-

- i. Occupational Safety Training to sanitation workers.
- ii. Capital subsidy under the Swachhta Udyami Yojana for beneficiaries to facilitate self-employment through mechanized sanitation enterprises.

Concessional loans through National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) is also available through its Channel partners for undertaking viable income-generating activities, subject to eligibility.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3752 for answer on 11.08.2026 regarding 'NAMASTE Scheme'.

Number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers and Waste Pickers validated in Uttar Pradesh and Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency and benefits provided under National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme such as Ayushman Bharat cards, capital subsidy and other financial assistance is as under:-

(A) Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs):-

Component	Uttar Pradesh	Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency
Number of validated Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs)	12463	84
Number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits delivered for SSWs	11414	84
Number of Emergency Response Sanitation Units provided with Safety Devices	91	1
Number of SSWs provided with Ayushman Bharat Cards	10431	62
Number of beneficiaries provided capital subsidy	77	-
Number of Occupational Safety Training	1348	-
Number of Workshops on prevention of hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks	196	1

(B) Waste Pickers:-

Component	Uttar Pradesh	Jaunpur Lok Sabha Constituency
Number of validated Waste Pickers	44407	191
Number of PPE kits delivered for Waste Pickers	37682	109
Number of Waste Pickers provided with Ayushman Bharat Cards	13511	16
Number of Occupational Safety Training	232	-
