



NATIONAL ACTION FOR MECHANISED SANITATION ECOSYSTEM (NAMASTE)

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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)** scheme with the objective of ensuring safety, dignity and social security of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) through mechanisation of sanitation work and elimination of hazardous manual cleaning.

As on **31 December 2025**, a total of **89,114 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers** have been validated under the NAMASTE scheme. State-wise details of validated workers are given at **Annexure**.

Details regarding the **average increase in income** of sanitation workers following the implementation of mechanised sanitation initiatives are **not maintained**.

Under the NAMASTE scheme, **73,864 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers** have been covered under **Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, State Health Schemes and NAMASTE. This represents **82.88 per cent** of the total number of validated workers.

At present, **no measurable indicators** have been identified to assess enhanced efficiency or productivity attributable to mechanisation under the scheme.

[This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Shri Ramdas Athawale**, in a written reply in the **Rajya Sabha** today.]

Annexure*

State-wise details of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers validated under NAMASTE

(As on 31.12.2025)

S.No.	Name of State	Validated Sewer and Septic Tank Workers
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	60
2	Andhra Pradesh	4018
3	Arunachal Pradesh	86
4	Assam	462
5	Bihar	3462

6	Chandigarh	253
7	Chhattisgarh	1465
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	116
9	Delhi	3649
10	Goa	250
11	Gujarat	7634
12	Haryana	2677
13	Himachal Pradesh	428
14	Jammu and Kashmir	725
15	Jharkhand	1115
16	Karnataka	6308
17	Kerala	1797
18	Ladakh	21
19	Lakshadweep	86
20	Madhya Pradesh	3401
21	Maharashtra	8595
22	Manipur	185
23	Meghalaya	108
24	Mizoram	143
25	Nagaland	105
26	Odisha	1294
27	Puducherry	243

28	Punjab	4463
29	Rajasthan	4043
30	Sikkim	107
31	Tamil Nadu	6981
32	Telangana	3796
33	Tripura	352
34	Uttar Pradesh	12418
35	Uttarakhand	638
36	West Bengal	7630
	Total	89114

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