

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026**

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SAFAI KARAMCHARI

1599. SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR:

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

- (a) the number of sanitation workers and manual scavengers identified in the latest national survey who are yet to receive full rehabilitation benefits under the prohibition of employment as manual scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the number of sewer and septic tank deaths reported since 2017 and compensation actually disbursed to affected families, classified State and district- wise particularly for Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the action taken against contractors or civic bodies found in violation of the mechanisation mandate; and
- (d) the number of complaints received by the national commission for Safai Karamcharis regarding non-payment of wages, denial of safety equipment and caste-based discrimination, classified State and district-wise including for Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme has been launched in 2023-24 to ensure safety and dignity of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs). Components of erstwhile Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) have been subsumed in NAMASTE scheme. Waste Pickers have been added as beneficiary under NAMASTE scheme in 2024-25. The number of SSWs and Waste Pickers validated in the NAMASTE scheme, as on 20.07.2026, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is at **Annexure-I**.

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 the districts of the country under which no manual scavenger has been found. However, 58,098 manual scavengers, including 32,473 in Uttar Pradesh, have been identified during the two surveys conducted in 2013 and 2018. The benefits (One Time Cash Assistance, Skill Development Training and Capital Subsidy) provided to the identified 58,098 manual scavengers, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is at **Annexure-II**.

(b): As reported by National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), the details of sanitation workers, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks and compensation paid to the legal heirs/ dependents of the deceased sanitation workers from 01.01.2017 to 30.06.2026, is at **Annexure-III**. The details of sanitation workers, district-wise of Uttar Pradesh, who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks and compensation paid to the legal heirs/ dependents of the deceased sanitation workers from 01.01.2017 to 30.06.2026, is at **Annexure-IV**.

(c): Sanitation is a State subject under the VIIth Schedule of the Constitution of India. Data of action taken against contractors or civic bodies for violation of Standard Operating Procedures / guidelines on mechanization is not maintained centrally.

(d): As reported by NCSK, in the year 2025, 842 complaints, including 130 complaints of Uttar Pradesh, have been received from States/UTs regarding non-payment of wages, denial of safety equipment and caste-based discrimination. The number of complaints received during 2025, State/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is at **Annexure V**. The number of complaints received during 2025, district-wise of Uttar Pradesh, is at **Annexure VI**.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and Waste Pickers validated in the NAMASTE scheme, as on 20.07.2026, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is as under:-

S.No.	States/UTs	SSWs Validated	Waste Pickers Validated
1.	Andaman And Nicobar	60	1124
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4052	15261
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	86	264
4.	Assam	466	5052
5.	Bihar	3462	11466
6.	Chandigarh	253	789
7.	Chhattisgarh	1465	6718
8.	Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	116	12
9.	Delhi	3649	13495
10.	Goa	250	1561
11.	Gujarat	7648	6840
12.	Haryana	2677	3992
13.	Himachal Pradesh	435	1473
14.	Jammu And Kashmir	727	4507
15.	Jharkhand	1115	2158
16.	Karnataka	6312	10686
17.	Kerala	1797	13098
18.	Ladakh	21	1
19.	Lakshadweep	86	-
20.	Madhya Pradesh	3836	9906
21.	Maharashtra	8782	57115
22.	Manipur	185	475
23.	Meghalaya	108	671
24.	Mizoram	143	67
25.	Nagaland	105	921
26.	Odisha	1294	7311
27.	Puducherry	243	1379
28.	Punjab	4465	3765
29.	Rajasthan	4082	7584
30.	Sikkim	107	287
31.	Tamil Nadu	6981	34858
32.	Telangana	3817	4062
33.	Tripura	353	1861
34.	Uttar Pradesh	12463	44337
35.	Uttarakhand	644	1888
36.	West Bengal	7630	10181
	TOTAL	89915	285165

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The benefits (One Time Cash Assistance, Skill Development Training and Capital Subsidy) provided to the identified 58,098 manual scavengers, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is as under:

S. No.	States	Total number of Identified MS	One-time Cash Assistance	Skill Development Training	Capital Subsidy for General Projects
1	Andhra Pradesh	1793	1793	252	-
2	Assam	3921	3921	658	9
3	Bihar	131	131	18	-
4	Chhattisgarh	3	3	-	-
5	Gujarat	105	105	19	-
6	Jharkhand	192	192	34	-
7	Karnataka	2927	2927	666	861
8	Kerala	518	518	326	-
9	Madhya Pradesh	510	510	243	-
10	Maharashtra	6325	6325	1904	72
11	Odisha	230	230	66	83
12	Punjab	231	231	62	46
13	Rajasthan	2673	2673	2174	46
14	Tamil Nadu	398	398	29	78
15	Uttar Pradesh	32473	32473	18289	970
16	Uttarakhand	4988	4988	2939	96
17	West Bengal	680	680	247	542
Total		58098	58098	27926	2803

Annexure-III referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The details of sanitation workers, state-wise including Uttar Pradesh, who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks and compensation paid to the legal heirs/dependents of the deceased sanitation workers from 01.01.2017 to 30.06.2026, is as under:-

S. No.	Name of State / UT	Number of Deaths	Full compensation paid	Part Compensation Paid
1	Bihar	4	4	-
2	Chandigarh	3	3	-
3	Chhattisgarh	5	5	-
4	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3	3	-
5	Delhi	65	55	-
6	Goa	1	1	-
7	Gujarat	75	72	-
8	Haryana	78	55	8
9	Jharkhand	1	1	-
10	Karnataka	28	27	-
11	Kerala	1	1	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	16	13	1
13	Maharashtra	87	68	5
14	Odisha	2	2	1
15	Punjab	25	24	-
16	Rajasthan	36	36	-
17	Tamil Nadu	77	74	-
18	Telangana	14	13	1
19	Uttar Pradesh	88	70	4
20	Uttarakhand	3	3	-
21	West Bengal	25	21	3
Total		637	551	23

Annexure-IV referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The details of sanitation workers, district-wise of Uttar Pradesh, who lost their lives due to hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks and compensation paid to the legal heirs/dependents of the deceased sanitation workers from 01.01.2017 to 30.06.2026, is as under:

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Deaths	Full compensation paid	Part Compensation paid
1	Agra	5	3	1
2	Ambedkar Nagar	2	-	-
3	Chandauli	4	-	-
4	Gautam Budhnagar	16	8	2
5	Ghaziabad	18	18	-
6	Ghazipur	2	2	-
7	Jallou	1	1	-
8	Kanpur	6	6	-
9	Pilibhit	1	1	-
10	Lucknow	9	8	-
11	Mathura	6	6	-
12	Rae Bareilly	2	2	-
13	Sitapur	6	6	-
14	Sultanpur	1	1	-
15	Sahibabad	2	2	-
16	Varanasi	7	6	1
Total		88	70	4

Annexure-V

Annexure-V referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The number of complaints received during 2025, State/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh, is as under:

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Total number of Grievances
1	Andhra Pradesh	30
2	Assam	10
3	Bihar	27
4	Chandigarh	30
5	Chhattisgarh	25
6	Delhi	140
7	Goa	2
8	Gujarat	28
9	Haryana	22
10	Himachal Pradesh	17
11	Jharkhand	15
12	Karnataka	10
13	Kerala	1
14	Maharashtra	95
15	Madhya Pradesh	30
16	Odisha	17
17	Puducherry	11
18	Punjab	25
19	Rajasthan	45
20	Tamil Nadu	41
21	Telangana	33
22	Uttrakhand	18
23	Uttar Pradesh	130
24	West Bengal	40
Total		842

Annexure-VI referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1599 for answer on 28.07.2026 regarding 'National Commission for Safai Karamchari'.

The number of complaints received during 2025, district-wise of Uttar Pradesh, is as under:-

S. No.	Name of Districts	Number of complaints
1	Agra	3
2	Aligarh	4
3	Prayagraj	3
4	Ambedkar Nagar	1
5	Azamgarh	2
6	Baghpat	2
7	Banda	2
8	Bara Banki	1
9	Bareilly	3
10	Bijnor	4
11	Budaun	4
12	Bulandshahr	4
13	Etah	3
14	Etawah	2
15	Fatehpur	1
16	Firozabad	2
17	Gautam Buddha Nagar	16
18	Ghaziabad	8
19	Hamirpur	1
20	Hapur	6
21	Hardoi	1
22	Hathras	3
23	Jaunpur	3
24	Jhansi	2
25	Kannauj	1
26	Kanpur Dehat	4
27	Kanpur Nagar	5
28	Kaushambi	2
29	Lakhimpur Kheri	4
30	Lucknow	6
31	Mathura	3
32	Meerut	5
33	Moradabad	3
34	Muzaffarnagar	4
35	Pilibhit	3
36	Sambhal	1
37	Shamli	2
38	Sitapur	4
39	Varanasi	2
	Total	130
