

(a) the salient features of the "National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007";

(b) how different it is from the National Scheme of liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS); and

(c) the details of the positive impact brought by the transfer of NSLRS to her Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The salient features of the "National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007" are:-

(i) Identification of Manual Scavengers.

(ii) Adoption of the "Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993" by all the States where manual scavenging exists.

(iii) Low Cost Sanitation Programme-Conversion of Dry Latrines.

(iv) Involvement of Non Governmental Organizations.

(b) National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) envisages financial assistance to scavengers for their training and rehabilitations in alternate dignified occupations.

(c) After the transfer of NSLRS in 2003-04 from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to M/o Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Rs. 34.97 crores of total Central assistance (Rs. 21.41 crores in 2003-04 and Rs. 13.56 crores in 2004-05) was released for training of 5649 scavengers and rehabilitation of 26721 scavengers.

Grants-in-Aid to Tamil Nadu for basic Amenities

4948. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants-in-aid given by Government to Tamil Nadu for improvement of drainage system, supply of potable water, development of slums etc. during the last three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to the State during the above period; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose for the year 2005-06?

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THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The details of Central share of grants-in-aid released during the last 3 years under the Centrally sponsored scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities which includes the component of drainage system are given below:-

Year	Funds released (Rs. in crore)
2002-03	22.12
2003-04	34.82
2004-05	53.66

The details of the allocation and release of Central share to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) during the last 3 years are as given below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Period	Allocation of funds Central share	Funds released As Central share
1.	2002-03	7.1731	8.1316
2.	2003-04	8.2348	6.5341
3.	2004-05	8.8090	8.0819
TOTAL:		24.2169	22.7476

Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation has informed that the details of additional Central assistance allocated by the Planning Commission and released by Ministry of Finance to the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu during the last 3 years under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) are as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

	Amount allocated	Amount released
2002-03	25.70	25.70
2003-04	25.70	25.454
2004-05	54.57	54.57

(c) Budget allocation for AUWSP for the year 2005-06 for entire country is Rs. 95.24 crore. An amount of Rs. 26.46 crore has been earmarked for Chennai under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities for 2005-06. No funds have been allocated by the Planning Commission under NSDP for the current financial year so far.

Financial assistance to NGO

4949. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that German Embassy has given financial help to an NGO "Hope Project" working in the slums of Nizamuddin Basti, New Delhi;

(b) whether this fund would be utilized for setting up night shelter in the area and also for providing other basic amenities for the slum dwellers; and

(c) how far this benevolent act has helped to raise the living standards of the poor residents in the areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMAR! SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information from German Embassy, an already existing classroom (not in use during the night) is the space made available by the Hope Project for the night shelter. The funds given by the embassy are utilized to better equip the shelter with amenities like lockers for street children to keep their small belongings, blankets, educational accessories **etc.**

Liberation of Scavengers

†4950. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain parts of the country, certain labourers are still continuing with the practice of carrying night soil on their heads;

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