

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -930  
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**SANITATION WORKERS IN INFORMAL SECTOR**

930. SHRI DAMODAR RAO DIVAKONDA

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for formalisation of sanitation workers in informal sector;
- (b) whether Government is collecting data regarding the number of sanitation workers and the ones working in high risk conditions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including for Telangana and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has formulated a scheme “National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem” (NAMASTE). NAMASTE envisages identification of sewers and septic tank workers (SSWs) in all states including Telangana and their formalization through providing occupational training, PPE kits, health insurance and livelihood support through assistance of concessional loan and capital subsidy for sanitation related projects.

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