

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4940
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2002
REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS
MARGARET ALVA

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

- (a) whether the Government have made any survey of the number of scavengers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any reduction in the number of scavengers after the introduction of preventive measures taken by the Government;
- (c) if so, the detail thereof, Statewise;
- (d) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the government to increase the cost of rehabilitation amount per person, so that their problem is solved permanently; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by State Governments/UT Administrations, the number of identified scavengers is 6,76,009. Against which, 4,08,644 scavengers have been rehabilitated under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents (NSLRS). A statement showing State-wise number of identified scavengers and beneficiaries covered under NSLRS is enclosed.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The suggestion of the Government of Karnataka is under consideration.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4940 for 20.12.2002 by Shrimati Margaret Alva, regarding 'Rehabilitation of Scavengers'.

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED SCAVENGERS AND BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER THE NATIONAL SCHEME OF LIBERATION AND REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS (NSLRS)

Sl. No. Name of the State/UT No. of Scavengers Total

Trained Rehabilitated

1	Andhra Pradesh	30921	8056	28167
2	Assam	40413	3091	1594
3	Bihar	12226	425	285
4	Gujarat	64195	965	11653
5	Haryana	36362	5571	15558
6	Himachal Pradesh	4757	3195	2023
7	Jammu & Kashmir	4150	936	211
8	Karnataka	14555	635	11847
9	Kerala	1339	156	141
10	Madhya Pradesh	80072	48441	80755
11	Maharashtra	64785	10982	19086
12	Orissa	35049	5979	10681
13	Punjab	531	4523	2988
14	Rajasthan	57736	11152	14169
15	Tamil Nadu	35561	9583	23687
16	Uttar Pradesh	149202	41891	180391
17	West Bengal	23852	489	2338
18	Delhi	17420	400	2941
19	Nagaland	1800	0	0
20	Meghalaya	607	0	0
21	Pondicherry	476	18	1290

TOTAL 676009 156488 408644

