

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6675
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of allocation made to various States for the rehabilitation of scavengers in dignified occupation during last three years;
- (b) the basis of which the allocation has been made to various States; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by each State to rehabilitate the scavengers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) The details are given in annex.

(b) Funds under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) are released to various States on the basis of number of scavengers identified by a survey in a State and proposal submitted by the State.

(c) State SCDCs identify the scavengers and their dependents, provide training to the scavengers in the age group of 15-50 years in suitable trades keeping in view of the local conditions vis-à-vis their efficiency and then rehabilitate them in projects costing upto Rs. 50,000/- by providing subsidy, Margin Money Loan and loans from banks and National Safai Karamchari Finance & Development Corporation. Scavengers are also rehabilitated in groups under the concept of 'Sanitary Mart'.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6675 for 8.5.2003 by Shri Virendra Kumar, M.P. regarding 'Rehabilitation of Scavengers'

Funds released to various States under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) during the last three years.

(RS. in crores)

Sl.No. Name of the State/U.T. 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03

1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	2.25	29.67
2	Assam	3.72	0.00	0.00
3	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	2.40
4	Karnataka	0.00	6.95	8.88
5	Maharashtra	21.35	0.00	0.00
6	Chhattishgargh	15.00	0.00	0.00
7	Jharkhand	10.85	0.00	0.00
8	Uttaranchal	10.00	0.00	0.00

Total 60.92 9.20 40.95