

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MANUAL SCAVENGING
Fanthome Shri Francis

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that manual scavenging continues to prevail in many parts of the country, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether alternative employment has been provided to these people under the Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS);
- (d) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir, manual scavenging still exist in some parts of the country.

Parliament has enacted the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGP) through which 100 days wage employment to rural households whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work is guaranteed. This Act has been launched in 200 identified districts w.e.f. 2nd February, 2006 and would be extended to the remaining districts within a period of 5 years.