

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4043
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2011
COMMITTEE ON MANUAL SCAVENGING
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any fresh survey to know the actual number of manual scavengers in the country;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint joint committee to suggest measures for complete abolition of manual scavenging; and
- (d) if so, the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRID. NAPOLEON)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) A Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) has been constituted in August, 2008, to review implementation of Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993, for addressing the need to functionally unify the various activities aimed at preventing manual scavenging and rehabilitation of manual scavengers, being performed by various Ministries/Departments/agencies of Government of India. Last meeting of the Committee was held on 19.7.2011.