

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:970

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2013

SCHEME FOR SMACSS

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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement a Scheme for Mechanical Aid for Cleaning of Sewers & Septic Tanks (SMACSS) under the 12th Five Year Plan to facilitate funding for procurement of suction machines for cleaning of septic tanks and suction-cum-jetting machines for cleaning of sewers in all cities/towns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ground work has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SMT. DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a)to (e) :A proposal of a 'Scheme of Assistance for Mechanical Cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks (SAMCSS)' for implementation during 12th Plan has been supported 'in principle' by Planning Commission and to be tied-up for funding under JNNURM. The proposal envisages, inter-alia, funding for procurement of suction machines for cleaning of septic tanks and suction-cum-jetting machines for cleaning of sewers in cities / towns in the country. Further action is taken for obtaining approval of Competent Authority.