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Modern Technology under SBM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is emphasising on the use of modern technique for waste management under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);
- (b) if so, the efforts made by the Government for the rehabilitation of scavengers;
- (c) whether the Government is also emphasising on waste management skill development for the said groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): Yes , Madam. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), the best available and sustainable technologies are considered, including personal protection equipment and use of mechanical equipment for waste cleaning and handling purposes.

(b): The Self Employment Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) has been revised in synchronization with the provisions of the 'Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2003' (MS Act, 2013) to provide the following benefits to the identified Manual Scavengers.

- (i) Onetime cash assistance of Rs. 40,000/- to identified manual scavengers.
- (ii) Loans for project cost upto Rs. 15.00 lacs on concessional rates of interest.
- (iii) Credit linked back end capital subsidy upto Rs. 3,25,000/-
- (iv) Skill Development Training with stipend of Rs. 3,000/- per month.

Further the scheme of "Pre-matric scholarship for the children of those engaged in occupation involving cleaning and prone to health hazards" is also available for the children of manual scavengers.

A provision has also been made under "Indira Awas Yojana" of the Ministry of Rural Development for special coverage of identified manual scavengers for providing them housing facilities in rural areas.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The SBM component of capacity building aims at best practice recognition study and research in methods, training and capacity building for the targeted groups of personnel involved in waste management.
