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Madam/Sir,

India is commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi from 2nd October, 2019. The Government of India has attached high priority to this event. A National Committee has been constituted for this purpose under the chairmanship of Hon'ble President of India.

2. The programmes associated with this celebration aim towards being actionable legacies that will make a difference to the lives of the people. As part of this effort, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), has prepared an action plan focusing on elimination of manual scavenging and safety of the workers engaged in cleaning of septic tanks and sewers to prevent death of such workers while performing the job.

3. In this regard, the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) functioning under the aegis of the MoSJE proposes to undertake various activities. These include:

- Half Day Workshops in Municipalities for Engineers, Sanitary Inspectors, Sanitary Works and Contractors on safe cleaning of sewers and septic tanks create awareness about the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013), and Rules regarding employer's obligations to provide safety gear/equipment and ensure safety precautions.
- In coordination with Skill Council for Green Jobs, training programmes on use of mechanised sanitation equipment, precautions for hazards cleaning, life skills and income generation activities to 7000 sanitation workers employed contractually or on adhoc basis by municipalities.
- Recognition of Prior Learning Programmes (RPL) for 3000 waste pickers in coordination with Skill Council for Green Jobs.
- NSKFDC would also enter into Memorandum of Agreements (MoA) with Municipalities, Municipal corporations for financing purchase of sanitation related vehicles/equipments in the form of loans extended to sanitation worker and their Self Help Groups, who would be provided assured work by the concerned local bodies for utilization of the said equipment.

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4. The MoSJE also expects that the Municipal Corporations and Municipalities to commit to the following in association with the, NSKFDC:-

- To ensure that only mechanized cleaning of sewers and septic tanks is undertaken either directly and through contractors
- To ensure that only mechanized cleaning of sewers is undertaken in premises owned by private individuals and organizations either directly by Municipalities or through contractors engaged by them
- Even where manual cleaning becomes absolutely necessary, to ensure that workers are provided safety gear/equipment and safety precautions as prescribed under MS Act, 2013 with proper observance of MS Rules, 2013
- To ensure that workers engaged for cleaning of septic tanks/sewers have insurance policy for Rs.10 lakhs for which the premium shall be paid by the Municipalities/employer/contractor
- To pay compensation of Rs.10 lakhs in the event of death of worker due to manual cleaning of sewers/septic tanks.

5. Needless to mention, the support of State Urban Development Departments and Urban Local Bodies/Authorities is crucial in elimination of manual scavenging and safety of the workers engaged in cleaning of septic tanks and sewers.

6. In this regard, I request you to ensure that necessary assistance is provided to NSKFDC in organizing workshops, training programmes and consider signing of the MoAs mentioned above. This would go a long way in contributing towards successful commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the NSKFDC would be very happy to provide further details and assistance.

With regards

Yours sincerely

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To

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