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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
SCD-IV Section

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi .
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To

1. Secretaries in charge, SC/Social Welfare, All States/UTs.
2. Managing Directors of All State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations.
3. Secretary, NCSC/NCSK
4. MDs/CMDs of NSFDC/NSKFDC/NBCFDC/NHFDC.
5. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India .

Subject: Central Sector Scheme of Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)- introduction of the scheme

Sir,

Government of India have decided to introduce a new Central Sector 'Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers' (SRMS) as a national priority. A copy of the scheme is enclosed.

Under the scheme the identified scavengers and their dependents will be provided subsidy and loan for undertaking self employment ventures. Beneficiaries will also be provided training upto one year for skill development.

Both micro financing (upto Rs. 25,000/) and term loan (upto Rs. 5.00 lakh) will be provided at concessional rates of interest. Where the rate of interest chargeable by the banks on loans is higher than the rates prescribed in the scheme, interest subsidy to the extent of the difference will be given to the banks. Credit linked capital subsidy will be provided to beneficiaries in a scaled manner.

The scheme will be implemented at the national level through the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) or other agencies to be identified for this purpose. Capital and interest subsidy will be channelised through these agencies. They will also be responsible for overall coordination and monitoring of the scheme, including training to the beneficiaries.

At the State level, the implementing agencies will be State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) identified for the purpose, which may include government agencies and reputed non-government organizations. The SCAs will identify the prospective eligible beneficiaries and arrange training as per need, and also help

beneficiaries in formulating project proposals and processing of loan applications. Annual targets of banks in each State/UT will be fixed by State level Bankers Committee

In view of the importance of the scheme, the projects of the State Governments will be cleared by Central Government to ensure their effectiveness and conformity with the objectives of the scheme. All concerned are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps for implementation of the scheme, including identification of beneficiaries, preparation of project proposals and arrangements for training programmes relevant to the target group.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Sd/-

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