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The Alliance of Indian Wastepickers

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Subject: Queries regarding inclusion of wastepickers in various schemes undertaken by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment through National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation

Sir,

Kindly refer to your email dated 26TH August 2016 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of SJ&E, Govt. of India and also emailed to NSKFDC on the captioned subject.

In this connection, it is informed that the Ministry of SJ&E, Govt. of India vide its letter No.19014/03/2016-SCD-IV (SRMS) dated 23rd June 2016 conveyed the approval for following amendment of definition of Safai Karamcharis and inclusion of definition of sanitation work in the Article of Association of NSKFDC: -

“Safai Karamchari” means a person engaged in or employed for any sanitation work and includes rag pickers, but excludes domestic worker and manual scavengers.

“Sanitation Work” includes cleaning of drains, platforms and the work which involves collection, handling and disposing of garbage, sweeping and such other sanitation work.

Clarification on the following points: -

S.No.	Points	Clarification
1	The list and guidelines of the schemes in which waste-picker inclusion is sought by the Ministry;	After inclusion of rag-pickers as a target group of NSKFDC, the guidelines and schemes applied on Safai Karamcharis, Scavengers & their dependants would also be applicable on them.
2	Mode of implementation of various schemes. Whether, implementation will be routed through the state level social welfare	NSKFDC has been implementing its schemes through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs), Regional Rural and Nationalized Banks across the country. For more details, please visit our website

	department;	www.nskfdc.nic.in The SCAs of NSKFDC are being nominated by the concerned State/UT Government and in most of the State/UTs, the SCAs implementing the NSKFDC schemes with the assistance of their social welfare departments.
3	The various departments/agencies through which skill upgradation/ training can be implemented;	NSKFDC provides technical, vocational and entrepreneurial training to the target group through various reputed Govt./Semi Govt./ Autonomous training institutions etc.
4	Whether any loan related schemes will be extended to waste pickers? If yes, by when would such inclusion take place?	Yes please. NSKFDC has circulated the said scheme to all the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs), Regional Rural and Nationalized Banks for formulation of proposals including rag pickers as target group of the Corporation.
5	Where schemes are extended to dependants of beneficiaries, whether they would be extended to waste-pickers dependants as well?	Yes please. An additional 10% of the total notional allocation of NSKFDC for the F.Y. 2016-17 has been made for them, within the existing funds available without diluting the benefits of existing target group.
6	The time period within which the ministry seeks to amend the governing rules of the Corporation to include waste pickers.	The approval for amendment in the rules of the Corporation has already been conveyed by the Ministry of SJ&E. The amendment of Safai Karamcharis and inclusion of definition of sanitation work in the Article of Association of NSKFDC has been approved in the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation held on 29.08.2016.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(M. Nagaraj)

Managing Director

Copy to: PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for favour of kind information.