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Dated: 18th November, 2025

To

1. Principal Secretaries, Social Welfare Department of all States/UTs.
2. Principal Secretaries, Urban Development Department of all States/UTs.

Subject: Revised Guidelines of National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the scheme guidelines of National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme have been revised for swift implementation of the scheme. A copy of revised scheme guidelines for Sewer and Septic tank Workers is at **Annexure-I** and for Wastepickers is at **Annexure-II**. The major modifications made in the scheme are as under:

A. Sewer and Septic tank Workers (SSWs):

- i. **Inclusion of component on Occupational Safety Training of SSWs under the scheme:** In addition to training to be conducted by MSDE, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) shall also organize the training through the National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC), in accordance with the Common Norms for Skill Development and the PMKVY 4.0 guidelines.
- ii. **Enhancement of upfront capital subsidy for Sanipreneurs:** To enhance the uptake of the target group for procurement of mechanised cleaning equipment/vehicles, per-person upfront capital subsidy has been increased to 50% of the unit cost, as per the details below:

Project cost upto Rs. 15.00 lakh	50% of the project cost
For Group projects costing upto Rs. 50.00 lakh with each beneficiary project share maximum upto Rs. 10.00 lakh.	Same as above with maximum per member capital subsidy of Rs. 5 lakh and maximum group project subsidy of Rs. 25 lakh.

- iii. **Upfront Capital Subsidy to Private Sanitation Service Organisations (PSSOs) and Private Contractors for procurement of mechanised cleaning equipment's/vehicles:** To advance the ultimate goal of mechanisation and incentivising private sector stakeholders particularly Private Sanitation Service Organisations (PSSOs) and Private Contractors, a new component of providing upfront capital subsidy to them to procure and deploy mechanised cleaning equipment/vehicles has been added. To be eligible for subsidy benefits, Private Contractors/ PSSOs must have an active

model contract issued by MoHUA at the time of availing the subsidy. The upfront capital subsidy ceiling shall be as under:

Project Cost	Upfront Capital Subsidy
No limit on unit cost	25% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of ₹10.00 lakh per unit (whichever is lower)

B. Waste Pickers:

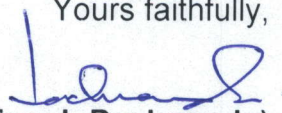
- i. **Revision of Profiling Cost for Waste Pickers with Successful E-KYC:** The profiling cost per validated waste picker with successful E-KYC has been revised from ₹150 to ₹250 and will be applicable to those profiled by ULBs or ROs and validated by ULBs.

2. In view of the above, all the State Governments/UTs are requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned implementing agencies of the States/UT for prompt implementation of the scheme as per revised guidelines and ensure coverage of all eligible beneficiaries as per the provisions and spirit of the scheme.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl.: As Above

Yours faithfully,


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- ii. Sr. Economic Adviser, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, B-2 Ground Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
- iii. JS&FA, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iv. MD, NSKFDC, NSIC Estate, Okhla Phase III, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi, Delhi with a request to take necessary action.
- v. The Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi
- vi. The Secretary, Ministry of Law, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- vii. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- viii. The Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Kaushal Bhawan, New Moti Bagh, New Delhi.
- ix. The Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Sharm Shakti Bhawan.
- x. The Special Secretary, NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
- xi. The Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011 with a request to take necessary action.
- xii. The Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi with a request to take necessary action.
- xiii. The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, 11th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, 25 K.G. Marg, New Delhi with a request to take necessary action.

- xiv. The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Room No. 348; 'A' Wing, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi-110011 with a request to take necessary action.
- xv. The Secretary, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, B Wing, 4th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market. New Delhi – 110003
- xvi. The Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, 5th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003