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You are aware that only two programmes/schemes, namely, National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents and Pre-Matric Scholarship for the Children of those engaged in Unclean Occupation are being implemented solely for the benefit of Safai Karamcharis engaged in scavenging, though other schemes and welfare programmes for SC/ST also benefit Safai Karamcharis who mostly belong to SC/ST category. You are also aware that the progress of the schemes has been tardy and the desired benefit has not reached larger sections of the Safai Karamcharis. There are various inhibiting factors which have impeded and created difficulties in the successful implementation of liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers and other welfare schemes.

- 2. The Commission in its wide ranging interaction with the State Govts., SCDC, Associations of Safai Karamcharis and evaluation of the schemes has realised that the benefits have not reached the society also because a large section of beneficiaries have not come up for availing the benefits for lack of adequate information about these schemes, the procedures and formalities to be observed. Proper dissemination of information, publicity, awareness and sensitisation of beneficiaries are essential components to ensure responsiveness of beneficiary. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that adequate publicity of the schemes may be given through various channels so as to reach various sections of Safai Karamcharis to enable them to come up for availing the benefits of the schemes.
- 3. The Commission will appreciate if the action taken by you in this regard is intimated to the Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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