Commissioners/Secretaries in charge of the social sector of all the States and Union Territories for a meeting in Delhi in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, 2000 to discuss the various programmes this Ministry is implementing. The proposal for the rehabilitation of the Scavengers would be one of the subjects for discussion in the said meeting. You may also kindly to like to request your representative who would be deputed to attend the meeting to bring along the list of Districts/Wards where the Sanitary Marts could be set up and the voluntary agencies that could be associated in the implementation of the programme. The MD of your SCI C may also be requested to attend the meeting.

4. The population of the scavengers in the various States has been listed in Annexure-III of the approach paper. The estimated number of marts that can be set up in your State has also been assessed. We could then estimate your requirement and pursue further action. We shall also be grateful for your response to the approach paper.

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Yours sincerely

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