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No. **282** -6M(MC)-3/13(Pt.-VIII)

Dated-**19.02.2023**

From : **Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Department of Backward Classes Welfare**

To : **1. The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation
2. District Magistrates – All districts of West Bengal**

Sub : District and Sub-Division level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees under MS Act 2013.

Madam / Sir,

The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act 2013) was enforced in December 2013 with an objective to eliminate (a) insanitary latrines and to construct sanitary latrines, (b) to identify Manual Scavengers and to rehabilitate them in alternative occupation and (c) to replace manual hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks by mechanical process. In terms of Sec. 24 of the said Act, District level and Sub-Division level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are to be constituted/ reconstituted in terms of Notification No. 762-BCW/5M (MC)-3 /13 dated 26-02-2014 for supervision and monitoring of implementation of various provisions of the Act. Feedback regarding constitution / re-constitution of the Committees at District and Sub-Division level and the details of the Meetings held are not available with this Department.

You are requested to re-constitute the Committees at District and Sub-Division level, if not done already, and arrange to hold meetings of the Committees by February 2024. Status of implementation of various provisions of the Act in the District and Sub-Division level may be discussed in the meetings. Minutes of the meetings may be communicated to this Department by first week of March 2024.

Soft copies of MS Act 2013 and the Rules framed there-under are available in www.anagrasarkalyan.gov.in and www.wbbcdev.gov.in . Copy of the Notification by the State Government regarding constitution of the committees (No. 762-BCW/5M (MC)-3 /13 dated 26-02-2014) is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

Yours Faithfully,

Encl : as stated above

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1. The MD, WB SC ST & OBC Dev. & Finance Corporation

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NOTIFICATION

No. 762-BCW/6M(MC)-3/13 the 26th February, 2014 -- In exercise of the power conferred by section 24 of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (25 of 2013) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Governor is pleased hereby to constitute the following Vigilance Committee for each district and each sub-division to carry out the functions as mentioned in the said Act, namely:

(1) the Vigilance Committee for a district shall consist of the following members :

- (a) the District Magistrate -- Chairperson, *ex-officio*;
- (b) all members of the State Legislature belonging to the Scheduled Castes elected from the district - members :
Provided that if a district has no member of the State Legislature belonging to Scheduled Castes, the State Government may nominate such member of other members of the State Legislature from the district, not exceeding two, as it may deem appropriate.
- (c) the district Superintendent of Police - member, *ex-officio*.
- (d) the Chief Executive Officer of -
 - (i) the Panchayat at the district level - member, *ex-officio*;
 - (ii) the Municipality of the district headquarters - member, *ex-officio*;
 - (iii) any other Municipal Corporation constituted in the district - member, *ex-officio*;
 - (iv) Cantonment Board, if any, situated in the district - member, *ex-officio*;
- (e) one representative be nominated by the railway authority located in the district;
- (f) not more than four social workers belonging to organisation working for the prohibition of manual scavenging and rehabilitation of manual scavengers, or, representing the scavenger community, resident in the district, to be nominated by the District Magistrate, two of whom shall be woman;
- (g) one person to represent the financial and credit institutions in the district, to be nominated by the District Magistrate.
- (h) the district-level officer in-charge of the Scheduled Castes Welfare - Member Secretary, *ex-officio*;
- (i) district-level officers of Departments and agencies who, in the opinion of the District Magistrate, subject to general orders, if any, of the State Government, have a significant role to play in the implementation of this Act,

(2) each Vigilance Committee, constituted for a Sub-division, shall consist of the following members, namely:

- (a) the Sub-Divisional Magistrate - Chairperson, *ex-officio*,

- (b) the Chairpersons and the Chief Executive Officers of Panchayats at intermediate level of the Sub-Division, and where Panchayats at intermediate level, do not exist Chairpersons from two Panchayats at village level to be nominated by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate - member, *ex-officio*;
- (c) the Sub-Divisional Officer of Police - member, *ex-officio*;
- (d) the Chief Executive Officer of -
(i) the Municipality of the Sub-Divisional headquarters - member, *ex-officio*; and
(ii) Cantonment Board, if any, situated in the Sub-Division - member, *ex-officio*;
- (e) one representative to be nominated by the railway authority located in the Sub-Division - member, *ex-officio*;
- (f) two social workers belonging to the organisation working for the prohibition of manual scavenging and rehabilitation of the manual scavengers, or representing the scavenger community resident in the Sub-Division, to be nominated by the District Magistrate, one of whom shall be woman;
- (g) one person to represent the financial and credit institutions in the Sub-Division, to be nominated by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate;
- (h) the Sub-Divisional Level officer in-charge of Scheduled Castes Welfare - Member-Secretary, *ex-officio*;
- (i) Sub-Divisional level officers of Department and agencies who, in the opinion of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, subject to any general orders of the State Government or the District Magistrate, have a significant role to play in the implementation of this Act - member, *ex-officio*;

(3) This notification shall come into force with immediate effect

By order of the Governor,

Shadeeb
26/2/2014

Pr. Secy to the Govt. of West Bengal.