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From: The District Magistrate, Nadia.

To: 1-17) The Block Development Officer-----Block.

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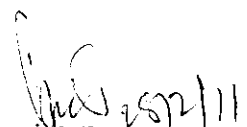
Sub:- Status report on 'Manual Scavenging and Sanitation'.

Enclosed please find herewith a xerox copy of Memo No. 762(19)/WBHRC/04/11-12 dated 21.02.2011 of Joint Secretary, W.B Human Rights Commission alongwith its enclosure. B.D.O is requested to collect report from Panchayat and send to this office within seven days from the receipt of this letter.

Chairman is requested to send the report to this office within seven days from the date of receipt of this letter.

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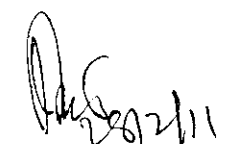
  
For District Magistrate, Nadia.

Dated 28/2/11 .

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- 1) District information and Cultural Officer, Nadia
- 2) District informatic Officer, NIC for information with a request to send message through website.

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For District Magistrate, Nadia.


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Date: 21.02.2011

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Joint Secretary

BY FAX

To : The District Magistrate,

Dist. Nadia.

 Sub : Status report on 'Manual Scavenging and Sanitation'

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all Panchayats and  
Municipalities and  
report  
and pl. discuss  
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Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Hon'ble Acting Chairperson, West Bengal Human Rights Commission desires to have a status report on 'Manual Scavenging and Sanitation'. The report is required for the purpose of a National Workshop scheduled to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at New Delhi.

For reference I am directed to enclose a copy of Recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission on 'Manual Scavenging and Sanitation' and request you to send the report within seven days.

Yours faithfully,

*Sujoy Kr. Halder*  
Joint Secretary

Encl: As stated above.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NHRC ON MANUAL SCAVENGING AND SANITATION

National Human Rights Commission organized a National Workshop on Manual Scavenging and Sanitation in New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 as a part of programmes to commemorate 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Based on deliberations in the workshop, the following recommendations are made by the Commission.

1. Though surveys on manual scavenging have been conducted, several anomalies have been found. Therefore, periodic comprehensive survey, at least once in three years, should be conducted in collaboration with credible NGOs. It should cover dry latrines, manual scavengers and alternative livelihood options for rehabilitation.
2. As per the information available with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, there are dry latrines in UP, Bihar, J&K and Assam. Therefore, these four States should take all necessary measures for the complete conversion and demolition of dry latrines and rehabilitation of manual scavengers in their respective states. Based on comprehensive Survey, all other States should also take necessary steps.
3. Jammu & Kashmir and Delhi must quicken the pace of adoption of the Act which should be done at the earliest.
4. The Definition of manual scavengers is different from sanitary workers and all authorities may restrict to the definition of manual scavenging as given in the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993.
5. The presence of too many agencies is often delaying the elimination of the practice of manual scavenging and the rehabilitation work. Therefore, District Magistrates should be made the nodal agency and joint instructions from the three Central Ministries concerned with manual scavenging should be issued to the States/ Union Territories and the District Magistrates to take necessary steps for coordination and convergence of efforts. At State level also, there should be a coordinating body to monitor framing of appropriate rules and

- regulations, survey as envisaged in recommendation 1, conversion or demolition of dry latrines, rehabilitation of manual scavengers, prosecution of defaulters etc..
6. The issue of lack of space and scarcity of water in some pockets in some States has to be addressed by adopting appropriate technology and methodologies.
  7. The municipal and panchayat bye laws of the States should have provisions not to allow the construction of any new house with dry latrine or without a water shield latrine or sanitary latrines with appropriate technology and measures should be taken so that dry latrines made in the past can be demolished and new water shield latrines or sanitary latrines with appropriate technology be constructed. There should be a time bound limit for conversion of dry latrines into wet latrines and construction of new latrines. It should be one of the criteria for deciding grants to Municipal bodies and there should be some measures to take penal action against municipalities not fulfilling their obligations in this regard.
  8. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment may evolve modalities for payment of immediate relief of Rs.10,000 to manual scavengers as in the case of bonded labour, pending their rehabilitation.
  9. The scholarship to the children of manual scavengers should not be stopped even after their parents have been liberated from manual scavenging and rehabilitated.
  10. It should be ensured that the identified manual scavenger families who are entitled to get the BPL cards are issued the BPL cards.
  11. Banks must simplify their procedure for giving loans to manual scavengers for their rehabilitation.
  12. State Governments must issue advertisements in leading newspapers about cases of manual scavengers and dry latrines and also publish the same on the notice boards of the Panchayat/ Municipal bodies. The list of identified manual scavengers should be displayed on website and at important public places for inspection by public at large and must be given wide publicity. Any person who is left out can approach the notified authority. After identification, the District Magistrate should