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Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
(Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities)
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F.No.7(4)/2012-13/DSCST/SCP/ 12348

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ORDER

No.F.7(4)/2012-12/DSCST/SCP/12348 Whereas, a Commission namely "Delhi Commission for Safai Karamcharis" was set up vide Notification No.F.1(1)/LA-2003/LJ/06/7697 dated:6th December, 2006 under Delhi Act 7 of 2006 as passed by the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi on 8th November, 2006 and assented to by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi on 25/11/2006 with the objective to safeguard the rights and interests, and the redressal of the grievances of the Safai Karamcharis residing in Delhi and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

2- And whereas as per section 14 of the above said Act, "the Commission may submit to the Government a Special Report on any matter of public importance pertaining to the interests of Safai Karamcharis";

3- And whereas the Commission submitted a Special Report on 20/04/2012 to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi regarding cleaning of sewers in Delhi;

4- And whereas the Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary of the Commission, Chief Engineer (Delhi Jal Board) and Chief Engineer (DSI IDC) as its Members on 16/07/2012 to examine the aspects of the Special Report as well as for suggesting guidelines/norms to be adopted while undertaking the sewer cleaning;

5- And whereas above said Committee submitted a report to the Government on 25/07/2012;

6- And whereas, the Government after considering the Special Report of Delhi Commission for Safai Karamcharis as well as remedial measures made by the Committee in its report, hereby orders that:-

"To discourage manual cleaning of sewers in Delhi and to enforce complete ban on manual cleaning of sewers, Delhi Jal Board and all other agencies involved in manual cleaning of sewers may find a technological solution within a period of two years and till then, the

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same may be allowed in "certain extenuating circumstances, if it is necessary for human entry in the sewer line". It should be-

- With the approval of an officer of the level of at least a Superintendent Engineer.
- The entry should be in the presence of an officer of the level of at least an Assistant Engineer who would ensure the compliance of all safety measures including those given in Annexure-A.

7- This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

By order and in the name of
the Lieutenant Governor of the
National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Rinku Dhugga
(Rinku Dhugga)
Secretary