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DELHI SECRETARIAT:NEW DELHI

No. CMO/95CM/8/19/1668-1670

Dated: 03/12/2019

To

CEO, Delhi Jal Board,
Varunalaya, Karolbagh,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Hon’ble Chief Minsiter is in receipt of a letter from Sh.Manhar Valjibhai Zala, Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karmacharis expressing concerns over the sewer deaths in Delhi.

The letter is self explanatory. I am directed to forward the same for appropriate necessary consideration.

Encls: as above.

Yours faithfully,

(PRAVESH RANJAN JHA)
Additional Secretary to CM

Copy for information of Hon’ble Minister to:

1. Secretary to Hon’ble Minister (Urban Development)
2. Secretary to Hon’ble Minister (SC/ST/OBC/Minorities welfare).
D.O. No 11059/66/SD/Del/2018-R&D/1369

dated 29th November, 2019

Dear Hon'ble Shri Kejriwal Ji,

As you may be aware, two workers died, identified as Shri Ashok and Shri Rohit, after inhaling poisonous gas while cleaning storm water drain located at 'E' Block, Shakurpur, Delhi on 23 November, 2019.

2. This Commission has taken serious cognizance of the accident and in discharge of its mandate under "The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" would like to ensure that the families of the victim get full justice and requisite compensation.

3. As per the information available with the Commission, total 67 sewer deaths have taken place in Delhi. This is considered unfortunate as Delhi being the Capital of India is expected to set standards to be emulated by other states but Delhi itself in unable to prevent these sewer deaths giving a negative signal. The Delhi Govt has procured 200 sewer cleaning machines which are already into work but despite this sewer deaths are regularly occurring. The Commission has taken a serious view of this.

4. I shall be grateful if the matter is taken up on top priority by the Delhi Govt, and necessary steps are urgently taken to avoid such occurrence in future. I believe that your personal intervention may prove to be effective in stopping frequent sewer deaths in future.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

With Regard,

(Manhar Valji Bhai Zala)

Shri Arvind Kejriwal,
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