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Directorate of Higher Education,
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To Dated Shimla-1 the Sept., 2026

All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Secondary),
Himachal Pradesh.
All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Elementary)
Himachal Pradesh
All the Principals/ Headmasters,
Govt./Pvt. Sr. Sec./ High Schools in,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- **Linking of dependents of Sanitation Workers validated under NAMASTE scheme with Pre-Matric scholarship Scheme – reg.**

With reference to letter No. K-11023/1/2025-SCD-V dated 9th September 2026 on the subject cited above, received from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (SCD-V Section), and letter No. U-19016/7/2023-Plan (EO 79440) of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India (copies enclosed), vide which all States/UTs have been requested to ensure the integration of children of NAMASTE-validated sanitation workers with the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, as per the guidelines of the Scheme.

This integration will help streamline the identification of beneficiaries and ensure enhanced coverage of eligible children under the Scheme. Accordingly, eligible applicants may be encouraged to apply for the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, if they have not already done so.

In view of above you are hereby directed to go through the content & spirit of the letter as well as attached excel sheet and issue the necessary direction to institutes under your administrative control to take appropriate action regarding above mentioned matter.

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Director of Higher Education-cum-
State Nodal Officer Scholarship,
Himachal Pradesh

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Director of School Education with request to issue directions to the institutes under your administrative control to take necessary action in this regard.
2. The Technical Officer, IT Cell of Higher Education with the directions to upload the letter on the Departmental website.
3. Guard File.

Director of Higher Education-cum-
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Himachal Pradesh

F. No. K-11023/1/2025-SCD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(SCD-V Section)

GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi

Dated: 9th September, 2026.

To
The Principal Secretary/Secretary
Social Welfare Department/SC Development
Department/Backward Classes Welfare Department/Education
Department
All States/UTs.

Subject: Linking of dependents of Sanitation Workers validated under NAMASTE scheme with Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme-reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme is being implemented by this Department since **July, 2023** across urban as well as rural areas. So far, **a large** number of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and Waste Pickers have been validated by the Urban local bodies based on their occupation and identity through Aadhaar authentication under the scheme.

2. In the next phase of the Scheme, coverage of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) is being extended to rural areas and new target groups of Drain Cleaners and STP/FSTP workers are also being added under the ambit of NAMASTE scheme.

3. One of the key components of NAMASTE is to facilitate access to the Pre-Matric Scholarship for the children of sanitation workers under the Ministry's Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (Component II).

4. In this context, data of children of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) who are eligible under SSWs component of Namaste scheme is being forwarded herewith. All States/UTs are

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Joint Secretary (BC)

E. Office No.

Dated: 14/5/26

Meeting/Tour/Leave

File No. U-19016/7/2023-Plan (EO 79440)
Government of India
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(Plan Division)

B-2, Ground Floor,
Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, New Delhi
Date: 07th May 2026

OFFICE MEMORENDUM

Subject: Linking of dependents of Sanitation Workers Validated under NAMASTE Scheme with Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

1. The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme is being implemented since 2023 across urban as well as rural areas. So far, approximately 90,000 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and more than 2,50,000 Waste Pickers have been validated by the Urban local bodies based on their occupation and identity through Aadhar authentication under the scheme.

2. In the next phase of the Scheme, coverage of Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) is being extended to rural areas and new target groups of Drain Cleaners and STP/FSTP workers are also being added under the ambit of NAMASTE scheme.

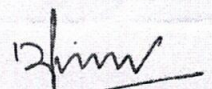
3. One of the key components of NAMASTE is to facilitate access to the Pre-Matric Scholarship for the children of sanitation workers under the Ministry's Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (Component II).

4. In this regard, an Office Memorandum has been shared with the Pre-Matric Section of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE), along with data of approximately 15,000 Sewer and Septic tank workers on 16th June 2025 (**Copy enclosed**). The objective is to assess the status of children currently availing the scholarship and identify those who are eligible but not yet registered under the scheme.

5. Further, it is suggested that a centralized integration mechanism may be developed to facilitate effective identification and differentiation of eligible children of sanitation workers validated under NAMASTE for availing benefits under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

6. In view of the above, it is requested that a meeting under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary, BC & SCD, D/o SJE may be convened with all concerned stakeholders, including NSKFDC, Plan Division and the Section dealing with Pre-Matric scheme, to deliberate and arrive at a suitable solution for last mile delivery with integration of children of NAMASTE-validated sanitation workers with the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, which will help streamline beneficiary identification and ensure enhanced coverage of eligible children under the scheme.

Encl: As above



(Devendra Prasad)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To,

✓ Joint Secretary-(BC & SCD)

[Kind Attn. Sh. Parveen Kumar Thind]

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

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GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar,

New Delhi-110023

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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(Plan Division)

B-2, Ground Floor,
Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, New Delhi

Date: 16th June, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Pre Matric Scholarship data under NAMASTE scheme

The undersigned is directed to say that under NAMASTE scheme, over 80,000 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been profiled. One of the key components under the scheme is the provision of Pre-Matric Scholarships for the children of SSWs (which comes under the component II of pre-matric scholarship scheme).

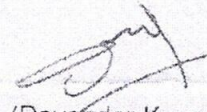
2. So far, under NAMASTE SSW component the data of approximately 15,000 children (dependents of SSWs) who are eligible for the scholarship is consolidated which is available in excel format (Including Aadhaar number of the SSWs).

3. It is requested to verify this data to identify which of these children are already receiving the Pre-Matric Scholarship from academic year 2023-24 to 2024-25. Please share the segregated list of the following in excel format:

1. Children currently availing the scholarship
2. Children who are not receiving the scholarship

4. This information will be shared with the respective State authorities to ensure that applications are submitted for the remaining eligible candidates.

Encl: As above


(Devender Kumar)
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To,

Shri. Shameem Alam
Under Secretary (Pre & Post Matric Scholarship)
MoSJE