

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o. the Managing Director,
Khairtabad, Hyderabad-04.

Circular No. MD/HMWSSB/Sewer Cleaning Awareness Programme/2021/4133 Date: 13.08.2021

Sub: Sewerage Maintenance in GHMC Area - Safety Awareness Programme from 16-08-2021 to 30-08-2021 - Bhadrathaa Pakshotsavaalu - Circular Instructions - Issued -Reg.

The MD, HMWSSB has convened a meeting to review on sewerage maintenance practices in his chambers on 13.08.2021. The following officers present: Executive Director, ENC & DOP-I, DOP-II, CGM O&M Circle-I, CGM O&M Circle-II, Chief Vigilance Officer, GM O&M Divn-VI, GM O&M Divn-VII.

In order to ensure safe sewer cleaning practices in HMWSSB jurisdiction area, it is proposed to organize Safety Awareness programme from 16.08.2021 to 30.08.2021 to all the sewer cleaning workmen, resident of welfare associations, sewer cleaning machine owners, sewer cleaning contracting agencies, HMWSSB Engineers, NGOs etc including public representatives.

After detailed discussions and deliberations, the following Committee is formed to oversee the safety awareness programme meetings (Bhadrathaa Pakshotsavaalu) to be conducted at various levels.

1) Executive Director - Advisor 2) Chairman - ENC & DOP-I 3) Member - DOP-II 4) Member - CGM O&M Circle-I 5) Member - CGM O&M Circle-II 6) Member - Chief Vigilance Officer 7) Member - GM O&M Divn-VI 8) Member - GM O&M Divn-VII.

It is proposed to conduct the Awareness Programmes, Meetings, Rallies, Demos and Exhibitions at various unit office levels as below.

A. Section level meetings

- **Sewer cleaning demo meeting** in each section premises from 16.08.2021.
- The Manager shall conduct the meeting cum training with all sewer maintenance staff - Every worker should be made aware about the importance and usage of safety equipment and tool kits. They should be explained about the safety operations, Do's and Dont's and health aspects etc. They shall explain in detail about the standard operating procedures.

Awareness meeting at local community hall

- The DGM shall organize the meeting in local community halls by involving the Corporator, NGOs and RWAs and select customers - Awareness to be provided not to engage the private persons for sewer cleaning in their premises - Further Awareness to be provided on health hazards - accidents - consequences - Hon'ble Courts interventions and legal provisions on ban on manual scavenging, punishments etc. Proper display of sewerage tools, apparatus etc to be provided at the meeting places. They shall explain in detail about the standard operating procedures.

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To also update our website on this program

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Conducting Rallies

The DGM shall organize to conduct the rallies for about 1 Km in prominent streets of each section. They shall involve the NGOs, RWAs and sewerage staff in the rallies.

- They shall distribute the pamphlets on safety operations and also display the banners about Do's and Dont's etc on sewerage operations.
- In the rally they shall hold the placards with catchy slogans on safety operations and ban on manual scavenging.

B. Division level meetings

- The GM shall organize the meetings at the division level by involving all the Managers, DGMs, high skilled sewer workmen and also the public representatives.

C. Circle Level Meetings

- The CGM shall organize the meetings at Circle level to all the engineering staff and high skilled operators to provide the New technologies and innovative methods of cleaning with the presentations by the experts.

D. Union Level Meetings

- The DPA and CGM(P&A) may request the Union representatives of recognized Union to conduct the meetings at Union levels and request them to make appeals by the Union representatives to the workmen to handle the sewer cleaning work safely and using safety equipment - not to get into manholes and avoiding manual cleaning etc.

E. Seminar on safe practices at Board Level

- A meeting will be conducted at Board level wherein all Managers, DGMs, GMs, CGMs, Directors, NGOs, Sewer cleaning owners, contracting agencies and some high skilled operators are to be participated. Messages and appeals will be provided to all the participants on safety awareness on sewer cleaning operations by the all the workmen without prone to any personal accidents.

F. Formulation of special Operation teams (Similar to Emergency Response Teams)

- The ENC & DOP-I shall formulate the special operation teams similar to emergency response teams for each Circle consists of the following equipment, men and machinery:
- One high end suction cum jetting machine, one sewer corc vehicle with all safety equipment is to be provided for each Circle to attend the difficult sewer cleaning operations in the Circle jurisdiction along with safety suits, gas detecting apparatus.
- Seven High skilled workmen team to be attached to the vehicle. They shall be provided full knowledge and training about using all safety equipment during the operations.

Further to supervise the operations, the ENC & DOP-I shall provide the check list to CVO, HMWSSB for inspection of Sewer cleaning machines during the operations and usage of safety equipment by the sewerage staff for necessary. Further the GM, Central Stores shall provide the necessary safety tools including Oil, Soaps etc to all O&M Divisions. The Medical Officer of HMWSSB shall conduct Health camps to all the sewerage staff every month in each section of O&M Divisions.

The Committee shall arrive at budget requirement for the programme and circulate file.

The ENC & DOP-I shall coordinate the overall programme.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Copy to all CGM's / GM's of O&M.

Copy to GM, CSD & Medical Officer, HMWSSB.

Copy to the President, Water Works Employees Union, Telangana.

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