

## National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

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The Union Cabinet has extended the <u>National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)</u> for three years until **31<sup>st</sup> March 2028**.

## National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)

- Established: 1994 under the NCSK Act, 1993; became a non-statutory body in 2004 under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Structure: Chairperson (MoS rank), Vice-Chairperson, 5 members (including 1 woman).
- Mandate:
  - Recommends policies for welfare and rehabilitation of Safai Karamcharis.
  - Monitors implementation of schemes and laws like <u>The Prohibition of Employment as</u> <u>Manual Scavengers Act, 2013.</u>
  - Investigates grievances and policy lapses.
  - Ensures **Rs 30 lakh** compensation for sewer deaths, **Rs 10-20 lakh** for disabilities (SC ruling, 2023).
- Working: Field visits, grievance redressal, policy reviews, suo-motu actions, meetings, and reports to the ministry.

## **Schemes for Sanitation Workers:**

- <u>NAMASTE scheme</u>: Aimed at profiling of Septic Tanks Workers, provide occupational safety training, protective kits, and health insurance (<u>AB-PMJAY</u>).
- <u>National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)</u>: Offers concessional loans and financial aid for the socio-economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis and their families.

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