

Impact of the Commission' Intervention during 2024-25

The Commission has been reviewing sewer death/payment of compensation regularly with the States/UTs through letters to the Chief Secretaries and other authorities instructing them to clear pending cases of compensation in sewer death cases. A lot of awareness has been generated among civil and police officials regarding Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgment of 2014 & 2023.

2. The state authorities requested the Commission to dispose off some cases after they had tried with all their efforts in locating the legal heirs of the deceased i.e. by publishing in local newspapers both in local & regional language at least 4 times. In this regard, 55 cases (01 case of Andhra Pradesh, 30 cases of Gujarat, 05 cases of Haryana, 01 case of Puducherry, 01 case of Punjab, 03 cases of Rajasthan, 05 cases of Tamil Nadu and 09 cases of Uttar Pradesh) were disposed off after timely intervention of the Commission.
3. Payment of compensation of Rs. 10 lacs & Rs. 30.00 lacs to the legal heirs of the deceased was made in the 39 cases. Year-wise groupings of these cases are as under:

S.No.	Duration	Number of sewer deaths where Compensation has been released during the year 2024-25.
1.	2016-2020	5
2.	2021-2023	3
3.	2024-2025	31
	Total	39

4. During the meeting with officers of Ministry of Civil Aviation on 06.08.2024 in the Chamber of Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, the case of Smt. Sunita was discussed in detail and Secretary, NCSK requested to release the payment of minimum wages, arrear for her past service period and a contract based job be considered for Smt. Sunita. As per letter dated 02.01.2025 of Under Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, New Delhi, difference of wages has been paid (including arrear) as per Minimum Wages Act, 1948 of amount of Rs. 1,54,166/- and a contract based job has been considered for Smt. Sunita at Pr. AO, MCTA and Smt. Sunita has joined the duty from 02.12.2024.
5. As information received from District Collector & Magistrate, (SCDD), Mancherial, Government of Telangana, SC Development Department on 30.07.2023, a sewer/septic tank death occurred of Shri Palakonda Suresh S/o Odelu R/O

Naspur Municipality, Mancherial District in Matrin's Grammar School. The school Management has provided compensation to dependent Smt. P. Shirisha w/o late Shri Palakonda Suresh in cash and Rs. 4.00 lacs paid through cheque. School management is also providing free education to his two children in their school from nursery to class-X.