

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
(ABSTRACT)**

Local Administration - Swachh Bharat Mission -- Constitution of Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA) for Puducherry District and Karaikal District-- Orders -- Issued.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT

G.O. Ms.No.39/LAS/A2/2022

Puducherry, dt. 28.07.2022

- Read:**
1. Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013).
 2. Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Rules, 2013 (MS Rules, 2013).
 3. Letter D.O No.Z-16025/3/2018/CPHEEO dt.12.07.2019 of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, New Delhi.

ORDER:

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry is pleased to constitute the **Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA)** for Puducherry District and Karaikal District in the U.T. of Puducherry with the objective to prohibit construction/maintenance of insanitary latrines and employment of any person for manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks with the view to deploy mechanized cleaning of sewer septic tanks eliminating manual scavenging. The composition of Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA) is as follows.

A) For Puducherry District

1. The District Collector, Puducherry.
2. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry
3. The Commissioner, Pondicherry Municipality, Puducherry
4. The Commissioner, Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry
5. The Commissioner, Yanam Municipality, Yanam
6. The Commissioner, Mahe Municipality, Mahe
7. The Chief Engineer, Public works Department, Puducherry

B) For Karaikal District

1. The District Collector, Karaikal.
 2. The Deputy Director, Local Administration Department, Karaikal
 3. The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality, Karaikal.
 4. The Chief Engineer, Public works Department, Puducherry
2. The functions of the Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA) are to:
- i. Establish one Emergency Response Sanitation Unit (ERSU) in Puducherry District and Karaikal District respectively to meet sanitation emergency requests and arrange the staff requirements of ERSU.
 - ii. Procure adequate full sets of protective equipment (both personal and institutional) and maintain them at optimal efficiency at all times. Whenever, the Sewer Entry Professional (SEP) team is tasked to carry out the job, they may be issued and should be allowed to do the job under supervision of trained officer of RSA.

- iii. Take necessary action under the PEMSRA, 2013 for the act of entry of any individual other than member of a trained Sewer Entry Professional (SEP) team specifically deputed from ERSU into sewers or septic tanks without permission of ERSU and such individuals and the entity/person allowing such entry directly or indirectly will be held criminally liable under the Act, as such act shall be deemed contravention of the PEMSRA, 2013.
 - iv. Notify charges/fees for services provided by ERSU from time to time, which shall be binding on the smaller cluster towns dependent on the ERSU.
 - v. Prescribe conditions and eligibility of Private Sanitation Service Organizations (PSSO), procedure for empanelment, guidelines and protocols to be followed by PSSOs in carrying out assignment, equipment and safety gears to be kept, training of Private Sewer Entry Professionals (PSEP) and procedure for de-empanelment, etc.
 - vi. Arrange adequate training to the employees involved in sewer and septic tank maintenance and management and the funds of UT Government/Local Government shall be utilized for this purpose.
 - vii. To conduct meeting with the line departments and public to discuss and address the grievances, if any.
3. The Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA) shall meet often as and when it is necessary.

//BY ORDER//


(GIDDI BALARAM)

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LA)

To

1. All the Committee Members.
2. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
3. The Deputy Director (RD/MA), Local Administration Department, Karaikal.
4. The Deputy Director, Local Administration Department, Karaikal.
5. The Commissioners of all Municipalities and Commune Panchayats in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.
6. The Programmer, EDP Section, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
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1. The Secretary (LA)-cum-Mission Director (AMRUT), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
2. The District Collector, Karaikal.
3. The Regional Administrator, Mahe
4. The Regional Administrator, Yanam.