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BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, DJ-4, SECTOR-II, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA-700091
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No. 1120 -BCW/6M(MC)-01/2026 **Dated- 08 /06/2026**

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By order of the Governor

Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
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7. The Managing Director, West Bengal Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC Development and Finance Corporation and State Nodal Commission for Safai Karamcharis and Nodal Officer, NCSK, for the State of West Bengal in matter of MS Act and Safai Karmacharis.
8. The Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government. of India.
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