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NOTICE

**Strict Prohibition of Manual Cleaning of Septic Tanks, Sewers, and Drains**

It is hereby notified for general information of all residents, property owners, contractors, institutions, and sanitation workers within the jurisdiction of Sorbhog Municipal Board that **manual cleaning of septic tanks, sewers, drains, and pits is strictly prohibited.**

This prohibition is in accordance with the provisions of the **Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013** and relevant guidelines issued by the Government.

**Directives:**

**1. Complete Ban:**

Engagement of any person for manual entry into septic tanks, sewers, or drains for cleaning purposes is strictly prohibited.

**2. Use of Mechanized Systems:**

Cleaning/desludging operations shall be carried out only through **mechanized equipment** such as suction machines, jetting machines, or other approved technologies.

**3. Exceptional Circumstances:**

In unavoidable situations requiring human entry, the same shall be permitted **only under strict compliance of safety protocols**, including:

- o Use of protective gear (PPE)
- o Gas testing before entry
- o Adequate ventilation
- o Presence of trained personnel and supervision

**4. Responsibility of Property Owners & Contractors:**

- o House owners, institutions, and contractors shall ensure that no manual scavenging is employed.
- o Hiring of unauthorized persons for manual cleaning shall be treated as a violation.

**5. Registration of Operators:**

Only authorized and registered agencies equipped with mechanized cleaning systems shall be engaged for such works.

**6. Penal Action:**

Any violation of this notice shall attract **strict legal action**, including penalties and prosecution under the above Act and other applicable laws.

**Public Safety Advisory**

Manual cleaning of septic tanks and sewers is **extremely hazardous and life-threatening**, often leading to fatal accidents due to toxic gases. All citizens are urged to strictly follow safe and legal practices.

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