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The Govt. of India, Ministry of Forest has notified the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2016 vide Notification No.G.S.R.343(E) dated 28/03/2016. The silent features of Rule 3 of Bio Medical Waste Management Rules-2016 is reproduced below :-

1. **Animal House** - means a place where animals are reared or kept for the purpose of experiment or testing.
2. **Authorised persons** - means an occupier or operator authorized by the prescribed authority to generate , collect, receive, store, transport, treat, process, dispose or handle bio-medical waste in accordance with these rules and the guidelines issued by the Central Government or the Central Pollution Control Board, as the case may be.
3. **Bio-medical waste** - means any waste, which is generated during the diagnosis, treatment or immunization of human beings or animals or research activities pertaining thereto or in the production or testing of biological or in health camps, including the categories mentioned in Schedule I appended to these rules.
4. **Occupier** - means a person having administrative control over the Institution and the premises generating bio-medical waste, which includes a hospital, nursing home, clinic, dispensary, veterinary institution, animal house, pathological laboratory, blood bank, health care facility and clinical establishment, irrespective of their system of medicine and by whatever name they are called.
5. **Prescribed Authority** - means the State Pollution Control Board in respect of a State and Pollution Control Committee in respect of an Union Territory.

The strict compliance of rules is to be ensured with immediate effect in true spirit. It has been decided that all Veterinary Institutions i.e, Hospitals, Dispensaries, Sub-Dispensaries, Farms etc. under the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services have to implement the provision of BMWM Rules - 2016 strictly and the following actions are to taken by respective Institutions :-

1. Submission of Application for authorization or renewal of authorization in the prescribed Form - II to the Pollution Control Committee, A&N Islands, Dollygunj by all the occupiers.
2. Health Check-up of the animal handlers along with the vaccination for the Hepatitis B and Tetanus.
3. Maintaining and updating Bio-Medical Waste Management Register on day to day basis and displaying of the monthly record in the website.
4. Furnishing of Annual Report to the prescribed authority on or before 30th June every year for the period from January to December of the preceding year in the prescribed Form - IV.

As per the provision of Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, all the concerned Senior Veterinary Officer will be the "Occupier" for their respective Institutions and will be responsible for the strict compliance of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016. The concerned Zonal Officer of the District will ensure the implementation of the same along with the submission of action taken report and action plan to this Directorate by **10th March, 2020** so that a consolidated report can be submitted to the Administration for filing affidavit in the Hon'ble Court.

Hence, all the Senior Veterinary Officers i.e, Occupiers are requested to submit the Application for authorization in the prescribed Form – II to the Pollution Control Committee, A&N Islands, Dollygunj immediately. A copy of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 is enclosed herewith for guidance and soft copy of the same is also available in the departmental website. The Annual Report in the prescribed Form –IV may be furnished by **15th June every year** to the Pollution Control Committee, A & N Islands, Dollygunj, Port Blair with a copy to this Directorate.

The matter may be treated as **Top Priority Basis**.

Director (AH&VS) *2/13/20*

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1. All Zonal Officer (South Andaman/N&M Andaman/Nicobar Districts) for information and strict compliance.
2. All Senior Veterinary Officers under this Department for information and strict compliance.
3. The Nodal Officer(TT), Dte. of AH&VS, Haddo for uploading the same in the departmental website.

Copy to :-

1. PS to Secretary (AH&VS), A&N Admn., Port Blair for kind information of the Secretary (AH&VS).

2. The Member Secretary (ANPCC), Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science & Technology, Dollygunj, Port Blair along with a copy of list of occupiers of various Institutions under this Department for information and necessary action.

Director (AH&VS) *2/13/20*

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