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REVIEW OF ARTICLE 17 AND PRACTICE OF MANUAL SCAVENGING IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

In Part III of the Indian Constitution, commonly regarded as the highest law of the country, there is a provision guaranteeing "the right to eradication of untouchability". "Untouchability" is abolished, and its practice in whatever form is prohibited, according to Article 17. The imposition of any handicap resulting from "Untouchability" will be a criminal offense punishable by law, implying that the Indian constitution prohibits the practice of untouchability as a fundamental right of human life. Even while the Constitution prohibits such abuses, we may nevertheless find remnants of them in behaviours such as manual scavenging. The topic of whether manual scavenging is a breach of Article 17 and how to deal with the problem of manual scavenging is addressed in this study paper.

KEYWORDS: Article, Constitution, Labour, Manual, Scavenging.

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