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Dear Apartment Resident,

Bengaluru is one of the fastest growing cities in India. As the population of the city grows at a faster pace than the area available for such growth, the only way for the city to go is vertical, i.e. more and more people living in apartments.

Apartment communities offer a great opportunity for the city to expand in a sustainable & efficient manner. They automatically lend themselves to water conservation (through STP water reuse, efficient rainwater harvesting, ground water recharge etc.), solid waste management (through segregation, insitu composting etc.) & energy management (through rooftop solar, automation, audits etc.). There are communities that have become completely self-sustaining in water & energy.

Apartments also make it very efficient for the Government & Civic agencies to offer services in an efficient manner. BBMP collects segregated garbage from multiple households of an apartment complex one shot, rather than going house to house. BWSSB provides water & sewage connections to multiple households one shot, rather than laying multiple pipelines.

However, the Government & BBMP officials look at apartment communities as an exploitation channel to harass & make money rather than collaborating with them to build a sustainable Bengaluru.

- Apartments pay 300% more for water despite being more efficient with water.
- Apartments have to shell out 10x more for SWM, despite 100% segregation.
- Apartments with STPs are charged sanitation cess despite not being connected to the sewage network
- Apartments with STPs are not allowed to discharge treated water into storm water drains even if they are compliant with environmental norms
- Apartment residents are forced to cough up penalties for lack of Occupancy Certificate when the real culprits are the builders & BBMP officials who collude with one another
- Apartments which do not have the space for in-situ composting are slapped penalties even when they dispose garbage responsibly with empanelled vendors
- Apartments are slapped with notices mandating them not to follow Karnataka Societies Registration Act, without specifying which Act they need to follow, for apartment maintenance

Please find enclosed the list of points that BNP commits to fight for the cause of apartment residents.

Warm Regards,

Team BNP

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BNP MANIFESTO FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS

BNP commits to fight for the following for Apartment Residents -

- Apartments not to be classified as bulk generators or bulk consumers, through which unreasonable charges are imposed on them
- Apartment residents to be treated as residential users and not as commercial users and on par with individual residential households
- Tariffs for apartment residents to be the same as tariffs for individual residential households
- SWM Cess to be waived off for apartment residents, since BBMP does not collect their garbage
- Rebate on property tax of 5 10% for residents of apartments which do in-situ composting or dispose waste with BBMP empanelled vendors
- Apartments with STPs to be allowed to let out treated water into storm water drain, if treated water is compliant as per pollution control norms
- Empanelled competent vendors for STPs to be instituted to help apartment complexes get their STPs to be fully compliant
- Sanitation cess to be removed for apartments not connected to underground sewage network
- Proper guidelines for pet ownership in apartment complexes to be instituted
- Penalties for lack of Occupancy Certificate not to be levied on apartment residents, with action being taken instead on errant builders & officials
- Online process for occupancy certificate to be instituted to create transparency, eliminate corruption & bring accountability in providing Occupancy Certificates for new projects
- One single Act to govern running of Apartment Associations rather than the confusion that currently prevails with multiple Acts like KAOA, KSRA, KCSA, KOFA etc.

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