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September 3, 2020

To, Shri Piyush Goyal Hon'ble Minister of Railway Rail Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: CREDAI-MCHI requests for a Logistical Support to Facilitate Return of Construction Workers to Revive Mumbai MMR Realty

Respected Sir,

At the outset, We, CREDAI MCHI an apex body of the developers' fraternity, would like to deeply appreciate and thank you for all the timely measures undertaken to control the COVID 19 Pandemic crisis. The government's pro-activeness and action plan which was put forth and every step is undertaken to contain the spread of this virus is truly commendable.

Sir, the Indian Railways is considered to be the backbone of the Indian Economy and plays a pivotal role in the means of transport of passengers to a vast geographical spread across the Country.

During the lockdown many labourers working in the metro cities got huge relief as they were able to go to their respective villages, thanks to the timely services operated by the Indian Railways.

Sir, however, we would like to bring to your kind notice that the developers are facing a huge shortage of labourers who had migrated to their respective villages during the lockdown. The number of projects before the lockdown was 10,200 with 9 lakh workers. With more than 80% of workers still stuck in their native regions with no avenues to return, the dearth of labourers is aggravating the ongoing industry slowdown and proving to be a major pain point for real estate developers to resume construction activities and revive the realty sector in MMR.

One of the major hurdles are the shortage of long-distance trains connecting Maharashtra and hence, very few workers were able to come back to Mumbai MMR. Moreover, due to social distancing, very few people are permitted to travel in the train and workers are not getting train tickets to return back to the city.

Sir, we request you to please look into this matter in collaboration with Maharashtra government to increase the frequency of trains significantly from the States: UP, Bihar, MP, Jharkand, West Bengal, Odisha etc. and enable more workers to return to the city.

This shortage of labourers is an extremely a critical concern that needs immediate attention of the authorities. With Real Estate and Infrastructure largely considered to be the backbone of the Indian economy, the industry requires more definitive support and intervention from Government of Maharashtra.

Hence, CREDAI-MCHI strongly urges your kind intervention in this issue to facilitate affordable and convenient means of transportation for workers to return back to Mumbai MMR region to their respective construction sites.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully, For CREDAI-MCHI

Deepak GoradiaPresident

Pritam Chivukula Hon. Secretary

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