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To,
Hon'ble, Shri Prithviraj Chavan
Chief Minister,
Chief Minister's Secretariat,
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मुख्यमंत्री सचिवालय
महाराष्ट्र शासन
मंत्रालय, मुंबई 400 032
दिनांक 26.6.2013

Respected Sir,

**PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' COLONY,
WITH SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING SCHOOL, CLINIC,
PLAYGROUND & OTHER AMENITIES**

Greetings from MCHI-CREDAI

The Real Estate & Construction Sector have been characterized by the temporary nature of work on projects, done by itinerant labour, who have no permanent shelter, and live cheek-by-jowl in temporary huts and barracks. We recognize the irony of those who work to build palatial homes and edifices, yet they themselves have no access to basic infrastructure, because of the nature of their work and employment, which is informal, casual and itinerant.

In these enlightened times, where the Union and State Governments have moved to empower the ordinary Indian with NREGA and many other social welfare schemes and programmes, we, at MCHI-CREDAI believe that the time has come to do something concrete for the welfare of construction workers who are employed on real estate projects in Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

The Constitution of India (Article 41) laid down that the State shall make effective provision for securing the right to public assistance in case of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement and in other cases of un-deserved want.

Subrahmanya (1994) defined the concept of social security in its broadest sense, as support provided by the society to the individual to enable him to attain a reasonable standard of living and to protect the standard from falling due to any contingency.

Concept of labour welfare

In its broad connotation, the term welfare refers to a state of living of an individual or a group in a desirable relationship with total environment - ecological, economic, and social. Conceptually as well as operationally, labour welfare is a part of social welfare which, in turn, is closely linked to the concept and the role of the State.

Construction Workers' Colony

"It is estimated that over 50% of India's population will move into the cities over the next few decades. A bulk of them will be informal or marginalized workers. Multitudes of migrants are mostly individuals who are economically "orphaned" from natural structures of families. They now exist in a nomadic world moving from one job to another, living in abysmal conditions and having no "address" barring sometimes a cellphone. (*Mint, 26th June, 2013).

A permanent shelter gives a sense of place, belonging and dignity to a human being. We believe that the needs of the under-privileged, unorganized construction workers can be served by setting up a well-planned, Construction Workers' Colony, that would offer all the features of a residential centre, with school, health clinic, playground, recreation and transport facilities.

A PPP Initiative Between MCHI-CREDAI & G.O.M.

Sir, we, at MCHI-CREDAI will be happy to extend our hand to the State Government, in the building of such a Construction Workers' Colony that would serve as a model for providing decent, settled accommodation, together with the attendant necessities of health-care and education, so that the children of labourers, employed on construction sites, can advance their status and move up in life.

Sir, we at MCHI-CREDAI have been giving deliberate thought to the various issues that can help advance the social cause through constructive, long-term initiatives which provide decent living conditions, advance labour skills and secure gainful employment, enhancing incomes and raising the living standard of the marginalized, unorganised and unrepresented sections of society. We believe the Real Estate Sector in Mumbai Metropolitan Region can make a signal contribution in setting up these projects. The workers would have an address and location from where they could be taken to their respective work-sites.

We trust that this proposal will receive your favourable consideration, and we look forward to a positive response, helping greenfield this socially-beneficial proposal.

With Respectful Regards
Yours faithfully
For **MCHI-CREDAI**



Vimal Shah
President