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To,

Shri Praveen Pardeshi (I.A.S.)

Municipal Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai

Mumbai - 400 001



July 20, 2019

Sub: Feasibility of rain water harvesting

Ref: Notification issued by UD department of Govt. of Maharashtra notification no. No. TPB-4307/396/CR-124/2007/UD-11 dated 6th June 2007

Respected Sir,

Rainwater harvesting

Rain water is the main source of drinking water as well as for other purposes in urban areas. Ground water is also one of the subordinate source. However, due to shortage of rains and due to over-exploitation of ground water, inadequate recharge, such source dries up resulting into scarcity of water in off-rainy seasons. This shortage of water from any source demands measure to have an emphasize on strengthening and/ or saving of available water. After considering this issue seriously, Government have decided to take effective measures for collection of rain water from roof tops, paved/unpaved surfaces etc. and to use it either for recharging ground water or storing it in storage tanks. For this, it has been further decided that henceforth, no building permission be granted unless provision is made for Rain Water Harvesting Scheme.

Vide the aforementioned notification, directives for inclusion of Rain Water Harvesting Scheme Provision in Development Control Rules under section 37 (1) of the said Act to all the Planning Authorities was duly carried out vide the order of even No. dated 10/3/2005, making the provision applicable on all plots equal to or above 300 sq. mtrs.

Sir in this regard it is our informed view that the overall cost of installation and maintaining such rain water harvesting system as also its efficacy may not be feasible for plots less than 200 sq. mtrs. it is there for our humble request that the provision of 300 sq. mtr. plot be increased to minimum of 2000 sq. mtrs.

CREDAI-MCHI's PRAYER

Provision for rainwater harvesting system should be made mandatory only for plot sizes equal to or above 2000 sq. mtr.

Thanking you,

Your sincerely,
For CREDAI-MCHI

Nayan A. Shah
President

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