

Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai

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Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER)

1. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Impact Assessment Division) Government of India vide Office memorandum dated 01.05.2018 has directed that there will be a Corporate Environmental Responsibility that shall be due from projects that cause damage in eco-sensitive areas. The cost of CER shall be in addition to the cost envisaged for the implementation of the EIA/EMP.

2. Various CER activists under CER suggested as per 6(v) of the office memorandum are vital for the Mumbai city like infrastructure creation for drinking water supply, sanitation, health facilities, focus on learning outcomes in education, skill development, electrification including solar power, solid waste management, rain water harvesting and urban forestry in community areas etc.

Formulation of CER Committee for projects under MCGM jurisdiction:

3. Accordingly, since there are various projects within MCGM jurisdiction that comes under CER but have not been complied. Hence to streamline the implementation and monitoring of the CER activities on MCGM jurisdiction, an executive committee is being formulated.

Members of the Executive Committee:

- i. Joint Municipal Commissioner (Vigilance) - Chairman
- ii. Chief Engineer (DP) – Vice Chairman
- iii. Chief Engineer (SWM projects) - Member
- iv. Hydraulics Engineer - Member
- v. Chief Engineer (Sewage Projects) - Member
- vi. Chief Accountant (Finance) - Member
- vii. Superintend of Gardens – Member
- viii. Representative from Environment Department, Maharashtra Government – Member

Special Invitees in Executive Committee can be invited based on the agenda of the meeting:

- ix. Representatives from Collector Office of Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban District
- x. Representatives from Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mangrove Cell or Forest Department
- xi. Experts from Academia/Domain Experts
- xii. Representatives of association of developers, architects and town planners
- xiii. Representatives from local residential association/ALMs

The meeting of the executive committee shall be convened as and when CER proposals are received. In absence of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson should convene the meeting and take decision in committee.

CER activities in Mumbai City

4. With the view of promoting innovative and sustainable solutions in the content of Greater Mumbai City, the executive committee shall direct the project proponent to undertake the following activities (but not limited to) under CER with a view of sustainability in the areas affected:

- Infrastructure for providing drinking water or sewage connections and management of sewage through soil based treatment (SBT)
- Decentralized solid waste management infrastructure and toilets with bio-digester technology
- Urban forestry through Miyawaki technique
- Investment in improving learning outcomes in MCGM schools particularly on environmental issues
- Fulfilling needs of local hospitals to service the needy and patient care
- Rainwater harvesting and subsequent use of the water
- Use of solar and other energy efficient equipment or infrastructure
- Skilling of the local youth and differently abled citizens.
- Local and city wide awareness for local farmers/horticulturists and fishermen and measures to increase their yield

5. The fund allocation for CER shall be deliberated in CER committee with due diligence subject to maximum percentages for CER has been prescribed in 6(ii) of the said office memorandum

#	Capital Investment/Additional Capital Investment (in INR)	Greenfield Project (% of capital investment)	Brownfield Project (% of additional capital investment)
1.	Upto 100 Cr	2%	1%
2.	More than 100 Cr and upto 500 Cr	1.5%	0.75%
3.	More than 500 Cr and upto 1,000 Cr	1%	0.5%

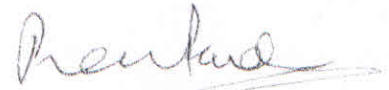
4.	More than 1,000 Cr and upto 10,000 Cr	0.5%	0.25%
5.	More than 10000 Cr	0.25%	0.125%

Monitoring and Tracking of CER activities

6. While directing the project proponent for implementing the CER activities, the committee shall also appoint the concerned Assistant Commissioner of ward as the nodal officer for handholding and monitoring these activities.

7. The committee shall also define milestones for the project proponent for submitting the progress report. The progress report shall be approved by the nodal officer or their representatives after undertaking site inspections to check the physical progress and after taking the feedback from the local citizen groups or ALMs.

8. There shall be a website linked to MyBMC app and website where all approved initiatives of project proponents will be uploaded and bi-monthly progress recorded by project proponent or implementing agency of MCGM.



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