

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

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To

1. The Chairman,
PEATA
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- ✓ 2. The President,
M.C.H.I. – CREDAI
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Sub: News report captioned as "BMC Babus Bribe Rate Card for Builders Rs.1200/- per Sq.ft." published in the Times of India dated 24.10.2014.

Sir,

This has reference to above captioned news report published in Times of India dated 24.10.2014.

The said news report titled as "BMC babus' bribe rate card for builders: Rs.1,200 a Sq.Ft.", appearing in Times of India dtd. 24th OCT., 2014 is misleading and not based on facts. We strongly rebut the same. There is no such rate card as has been alleged in the said report. Many times, the requisite NOCs / compliances are pending and hence, the building proposals can not be processed further for approvals which may give rise to an impression that proposals are getting delayed. M.C.G.M. is committed for grant of speedy approvals. The policy has also been framed by M.C.G.M. for speedy approvals.

M.C.G.M. has already introduced the Auto DCR System for granting approval of Building Proposals and to ensure expeditious building permissions wherein the stakeholders can search the progress of the proposals and track its approval.

However, there are cases of deviations from approved plans / violations. If, there are violations, actions are bound to be taken thereby stalling further

approvals, which may be perceived as delay in processing such building permissions. The report has also mentioned about RTI Activities / Complainants / Blackmailers. If any such specific instances are brought to the notice of concerned authorities, it will be definitely looked into.

Besides, the reported incident which occurred on 20th Oct., 2014 is most unfortunate and deserves condemnation in the highest terms. Civic administration has taken a very grim view of the incident, which has resulted in the immediate suspension of the accused staff. However, an isolated aberration of this nature need not be generalized to paint the entire dept. with the same brush.

In case of any stray incident or any aberration, the same may be immediately brought to our notice, which will be dealt with very seriously and expeditiously. Grievances received if any, shall be addressed immediately and there will be ZERO TOLERANCE of any misdeed. A very strict and stern message has already been conveyed to the staff.

We wish to unequivocally reiterate that we stand resolutely committed to render clean and efficient service to the Housing Industry, in particular and the public in general. We, also solicit inputs from the concerned stakeholders to enable us to be more responsive and effective.

In view of the above, you are requested to circulate this letter among all the members of your association.

Yours faithfully,



**Chief Engineer
(Development Plan)**