

Bullet Points of Meeting with Smt. Medha Gadgil (I.A.S.),
Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment and Our
Managing Committee Members led by the President, Shri Vimal Shah

Venue: Office of the Additional Chief Secretary (Environment),
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032

Date: 21st August, 2014

Time: 3:00 pm

MCHI-CREDAI Attendees:

Shri Vimal Shah	President
Shri Rajni Ajmera	Past President
Shri Deepak Goradia	Vice President
Shri Sandeep Runwal	Jt. Secretary
Shri Pujit Agarwal	Co-ordinator
Shri S. S. Hussain	Chief Executive Officer
Shri Avadhoot Rane	General Manager (Govt Liaison)

- I Our President, MCHI-CREDAI, Shri Vimal Shah, first of all Congratulated and Welcomed The State Additional Chief Secretary, Smt. Medha Gadgil who has recently been appointed on the post of ACS Environment.

The points on differentiating treatment for redevelopment projects and other projects was requested to be removed as there was no rational justification for the same. ACS Environment assured to look into the matter for the same.

Thereafter they requested to hold the meeting of 2 States Committees, i.e. **State Level Expert Appraisal – 2 for MMR (SEAC-2 for MMR) and State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority for Environment Clearances (SEIAA)** more frequently, so that the backlog is cleared. The ACS informed that the request about holding the meeting has been sent to the Chief Electoral Officer of State of Maharashtra and explained that after the requisite clarification from the Chief Electoral Officer of State of Maharashtra for the same, meeting would be held. Meeting of Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) Committee are being conducted by her.

- II The order of Hon'ble Delhi Division High Court about the insistence on obtaining prior consent from the Competent Authorities, under Provisions of Section 21 and Section 25 of the Air and Water Act respectively, that it should not be applied for the project of housing complexes, as they don't have processes like Industrial Houses. It could be

applied, as ordered by Hon'ble High Court for Industrial units and large trading establishments like Malls, etc., where larger manufacturing and commercial processes are under taken.

Copy of the letter by Shri S. S. Hussain, to the Principal Secretary, Environment, Shri R.A. Rajeev was submitted to her on the spot. She promised that she will look into the legal issues and points and will take a call.

- III** Various circular from the department and the High Court orders were quoted. It was also requested that whatever is allowed under law like (items under DCR, etc.), they should not be restricted by MoEF circulars. Clearance within 105 days was requested for being speeded up.

On the above points the ACS promised that she will examine them positively and consider in view of the Government of India Policy, various guidelines and the legal provisions like, for deemed clearance, etc.

- IV** Buffer Zone to be examined in view of the circular and guidelines.
- V** Letter to be submitted for considering violations for enmasse Environment Clearances (about 200 cases pending) instead of one by one. The Government can take whatever penalizing action are considered for reasonable disposals.
- VI** Minor modification in project or layout – do we need to again submit proposal in Committee?

Accordingly request made by MCHI members, such a projects should not be considered for resubmission to the committee in which minor modifications takes place. ACS also agreed on the same issue and assured the members to look into the matter while issuing the directions.