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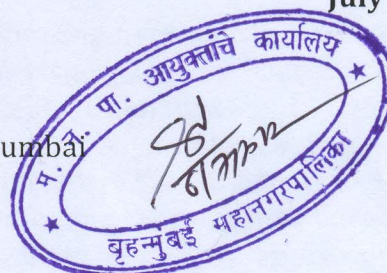
(Late) Babubhai Majethia

**MCHI - CREDAI**

Ref. No. MCHI/PRES/12-13/018

July 5, 2012

To,  
**Hon'ble Shri Sitaram Kunte (IAS)**  
Commissioner  
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai  
Municipal Head Office,  
Mahapalika Marg  
Mumbai - 400001



**Sub: SPEEDY APPROVALS - Formation of Special Committee to  
resolve interpretation issues related to New DCR**

**Ref: MCHI - CREDAI 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 meet with Hon Chief Minister**

**Respected Sir,**

**Greetings from MCHI-CREDAI**

The amended DCR came into effect from 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. Post the amendment, clarifications were issued on the following dates 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Sir, you have taken over as the Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner and hence we would like to bring to your attention that there are a whole lot of interpretation issues with regards to the amended DCR. Our members who are 1017 many in numbers and are responsible for 70 % amount of construction activities in Mumbai are facing several issues at ground level. We brought this to your attention during our brief interaction with you and you were kind enough to ask for the issues faced by our members. With this letter, it is our honest effort to bring out the facts which we feel is our duty and attaching herewith is our seeking clarifications as a separate presentation.

While the amendment in DCR was to bring about the dual objective of transparency and hence level playing field and speedy approvals, like any other change, it has its own sets of challenges. From the clarifications attached in our presentation, it is clear that the amount of

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clarifications required and the frequency of clarifications required is of paramount importance.

With this new DCR, the Operations Engineering staff including the Executive Engineers, have lot of issues on the clarifications and implementation of the amended DCR. Unfortunately, because of the environment and the "Adarsh" ongoing saga, a lot of Engineers are unable to and rather don't want to interpret the DCR to its logical way. This state of mind has been defeating the whole purpose that transparency thereby level playing field & speedy approvals was to bring to the industry.

Because of there being confusion and uncertainty in the minds of people, it has not only reduced speed of approvals but has also resulted in great confusion and hence taken away any hope of having uniformity and clarity.

Sir, It is our humble suggestion that an Advisory Team comprising of members involved in the drafting of the then amended DCR be appointed as an interface between the Industry and the MCGM Department so that everyone has the opportunity of unbiased expert views whilst making decisions on interpretations. This will ensure uniformity across BP's and will remove the fear and the negative approach and will bring about the true interpretation as envisaged while bringing about the changes in the DCR. This will lead to a full triumph. Sir, it is a known fact that Government works on laws, regulations and practicing precedence's and in order to inculcate these precedents, is why we suggest this committee be formed.

May we recommend this special committee to meet every fortnight with your Engineers at various BP's thereby allowing them to discuss and decide on the interpretation with regards to various cases.

Sir, you will appreciate that if this committee meets for the next 6 months continuously all the issues that have interpretation problems will get resolved after which this committee may be disbanded.



**Minutes of the Meeting MCHI-CREDAI held with  
the Hon'ble Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra  
on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012, at Sahyadri Guest House.**

| Sr No. | Issue   | Discussion outcome/deliberations   | Status as on 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2012 | Suggestions on Way Forward  |
|--------|---|--|---|---|
| 1.     | <b>SPEEDY APPROVAL (60 DAYS) BY Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)</b> | <p>Responding to Mr. Boman Irani's submission, the Chief Minister said it was an unacceptable situation that approvals could extend to 24 months. Mr. T C Benjamin, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, said that Section ---- of ---- prescribed 45-60 days deemed permission, as per DCR and DP ---- commencement of work letter than Section 47 appeal would lie. Dr. Nitin Kareer said that only Section 47 is not desired, committee can examine ----</p> <p>-----,</p> <p>It was pointed out to the Chief Minister that proposals were getting rejected on frivolous grounds.</p> <p>It was proposed that a Monthly Monitoring Mechanism could be set up, whereby all clearances would be put up on a website, and average time taken will also be known. This will promote accountability at each level. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that like the Central Environ Department, the State Government too could follow this lead.</p> | No progress                             | <p>i) UD has to issue the requisite circulars to all ULBs in the next 7 days.</p> <p>ii) Commissioner to call ULB MCs to call for the Review Meeting in the next 15 days.</p> |



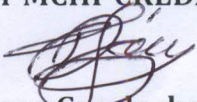
We are suggesting herewith a few names from our side:

| Sr. No. | Name              | Designation  | Contact No. |
|---------|-------------------|--|-------------|
| 1       | Mr. A.N. Kale     | Retd Director (ES & P) from MCGM                             | 9320124880  |
| 2       | Mr. M S Hardikar  | Retd Dy Director (Town Planning) from Kokan Division         | 9324112351  |
| 3       | Mr. Jayant Sane   | Retd Chief Engineer (DP) from MCGM                           | 9930834810  |
| 4       | Mr. S.G. Joshi    | Retd Dy Chief Engineer (DP) from MCGM                        | 9833962363  |
| 5       | Mr. Sandeep Isore | Retd Assistant Engineer, Development Plan Department of MCGM | 9870990913  |
| 6       | Mr. Jayant Vaidya | Member, Heritage Committee of MCGM & Past President PEATA    | 9820034455  |

We request you to take an urgent decision as to our suggestion on an urgent basis.

In the meanwhile we would be happy to meet up with you as and when convenient with our entire team of MCHI Developers so that they can hear first hand from you as to the future development in the Mumbai region and the ways to simplify the same.

With respectful regards,  
For MCHI-CREDAI

  
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Minutes of the Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra