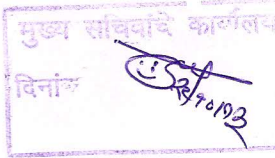


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October 29, 2013

To,
Shri J.K.Banthia (I.A.S.)
Chief Secretary,
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Mantralaya,
Mumbai - 400 032



**Sub: Draft Minutes of the Meeting held with Chief Secretary regarding
Placement of Doppler Radar issue on 25th October 2013 at 11.00 am.**

Dear

Please recollect our meeting with you on 25th October 2013 at 11:00 am. Shri Pujit Agarwal, Co-ordinator of our Managing Committee and Shri Rajendra Chaturvedi, who is our committee member had attended this meeting and discussed the following points related to the restrictions imposed by Indian Metrological Department and MCGM on redevelopment of cessed buildings.

I am submitting a brief detail with reference to our discussion held with you on 25th October 2013 at 11:00am related to the above said issue for your information and necessary consideration please.

Yours

S. S. Hussain

To,
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Chief Secretary,
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Encl: Draft Minutes of the meeting held with the Chief Secretary on 25.10.2013 at 11:00 am

CC to: Smt. I. A. Kundan (I.A.S.) Secretary & Director for Disaster Management Unit,
Shri. K.S.Hosalikar, Dy. Director General of Metrology, Govt of India,

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**Minutes of Meeting with Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, on
Restrictions imposed by Indian Metrological Department
on redevelopment of cessed buildings (Doppler radar issue)**

Venue: The Chief Secretary's Committee Hall,
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032

Date: 25th October 2013

Time: 1100 Hrs

Government Attendees:

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| 1. | Shri J. K. Banthia (I.A.S.) | - Chief Secretary |
| 2. | Smt. Idzes Agmo Kundan (I.A.S.) | - Secretary & Director for Disasters Management Unit |
| 3. | Shri K. S. Hosalikar | - Dy. Director General of Meteorology, IMD, GoI |
| 4. | Shri Bagul | - Environment Department, GoM |
| 5. | Shri Joy | - Environment Department, GoM |

MCHI-CREDAI Attendees:

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| 1. | Shri Deepak Goradia | - Vice President |
| 2. | Shri Pujit Agarwal | - Co-ordinator |
| 3. | Shri Rajendra Chaturvedi | - Committee Member |
| 4. | Shri S. S. Hussain (Retd. I.A.S.) | - CEO |
| 5. | Shri Avadhoot Rane | - General Manager (Govt. Liaison) |

Property Redevelopment Association (PRA) Attendees:

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| 1. | Mr. Haresh Mehta | - President |
| 2. | Mr. Pujit Aggarwal | - General Secretary cum Spokesperson |
| 3. | Mr. Badal Mittal | - Member |
| 4. | Mr. Hemant Mehta | - Member |
| 5. | Mr. Sandip Isore | - Member |
| 6. | Mr. Nilesh Kadakia | - Architect Member |
| 7. | Mr. Pranav Merchant | - Member |
| 8. | Mr. Arif Noorani | - Member |
| 9. | Mr. Deepak Singhai | - Member Secretary |

Chief Secretary observed that after 26th July 2005 deluge a decision was taken in order to have proper observation and monitoring required for proper safety and security of people by getting accurate rain forecast and cyclone etc. A decision was taken for to fix a "Doppler Radar" for that purpose.

Few locations were seen and the decision was taken to place it in Colaba after necessary discussions.

The points discussed in the meeting are as follows;

- Government of Maharashtra is already in touch with IMD to find out possible solutions.
- Keeping in view the accuracy and efficiency of the system.
- Possibility of taking "Doppler Radar" somewhere else? Like Raigad, Nhava-Sheva, Pune, Lonavala etc.
- Government is seized of the matter and is exploring various solutions.
- If it is not location specific, then whether a particular area for its placement is must?
- IMD can be moved/approached for the same.
- Recommendations from two collectors (Mumbai City & Mumbai Suburban) & MCGM etc. to be considered.
- It was pointed out by the CEO of MCHI-CREDAI that as per the IMD guidelines, criteria itself the efficiency and accuracy of the Radar, gets affected even on partial or full obstruction, intervention etc.
- The two points came out, bearing the cost of shifting and placement to explore to find out alternative location.
- Further discussions were held after Smt. Idzes Agmo Kundan (I.A.S.), Secretary & Director for Disaster Management Unit and Shri K. S. Hosalikar, Dy. Director for Meteorology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India arrived for the meeting.
- The issue came from Shri K. S. Hosalikar, Dy. Director for Meteorology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, that relocating the present Doppler in Colaba will result in no data available during the shifting period of 8 to 10 months and the equipment is likely to be damaged in the transit.
- As the data from Doppler is of prime importance for safety and security of People of the State, hence the option of shifting the present Doppler is not feasible.
- IMD has been requested to consider installing a new Doppler at a location which will not hinder the development for next 25 to 30 years; the location can be within Mumbai or outside Mumbai depending on the technical requirement of the IMD.
- A formal request in respect of installing new Doppler will be made soon by the State Government and IMD will get concurrence from their Ministry in Delhi.
- He also explained that weight of the Doppler Radar is about 15 Tons. So the structure, where this Radar is to be placed, because it is very heavy, the structure should be having load bearing strength including two floors below the Terrace. He also pointed out that installation process is time taking, it will take almost a year.
- The cost for new Doppler will be about 25-30 crores (including installation) for the whole process and they need zero degree elevation. Moreover, due to its importance and emergency requirements some more facility as standby is needed.
- The Hon'ble Chief Secretary said that decision is taken by Government of India in New Delhi and hence local IMD officials won't be able to take decision, but the process can be started through help of Government of Maharashtra.

- Shri Pujit Aggarwal, General Secretary-cum-spokesperson for Property Re-developers' Association, suggested that process could started by finding suitable location outside Mumbai, in location like Lonavala, Raigad or Ratnagiri. Thereafter BMC to bear the cost of the radar and installation and recover the same by charging Rs 15 lakhs per High Rise approval including those already issued and wherein IMD NOC is necessary this way MCGM would be reimbursed for their entire investment.
Mr. Aggarwal reiterated that this proposal is subject to immediate interim relief for affected projects. Also in order to cut cost it was suggested to explore possibility of installing 'C' band Radar
- The IMD officer also informed that there is already a proposal to fix additional Radars to be located in Mumbai, Aurangabad, Ratnagiri etc. in phase II
- Hon'ble Chief Secretary finally said that we will proceed further. Note could be submitted to CS office from the Association and Hon'ble Chief Secretary would have meeting in next week with the MCGM officials and other related officers to take a review and decide further course of action about location, cost etc. IMD, Head Quarter has to be apprised with the request on the proposal, and come prepared for a way forward.
- Hon'ble Chief Secretary agreed to call a follow-up meeting to be organized next week (Friday 31st October - 1st November 2013) wherein Officers from all concerned departments can also be called.
- Finally Hon'ble Chief Secretary said interim relief can be granted as soon as the solution is arrived amongst the stake holders, no time frame can be assigned at this stage, but requested everybody to work towards an early solution to the issue.

Meeting end with vote of thanks by Hon'ble Chief Secretary

Submitted please for information and necessary action

Prepared by

Avadhoot Rane
General Manager (Liaison)

Approved by

S. S. Hussain
Chief Executive Officer