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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 1st May 2012 meet with Hon Chief Minister

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MCHI-CREDAI

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

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.

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