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Sub: To clear pending backlog of files till formation of Environment Cell in the ULBs in MMR jurisdiction**Ref:** Gazette Notification issued by MoEF, dtd. 9th December 2016

Dear

Please refer to the Gazette Notification issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Government of India issued on 9th December, 2016

As mentioned in the notification, the Environment Cell has to be formed by every Municipal Corporations in State of Maharashtra consisting of expert people from subject related sectors. This cell is to enable granting of environment clearances for building proposals upto 1,50,000 sq. meters by the urban local bodies. We feel that the main objective of the said Gazette Notification is to bring in the Ease of Doing Business concept for quick processing of pending building proposals.

Financial Implications:

- You would appreciate that these projects which are pending with the investment of thousands of Crores and each of such projects have hundreds of crores of buyers from Banks, HFL, HFCL, NBFC, Private lenders and are paying huge interest each day.
- Already such projects have taken immense pain to reach the point at which environment stage they are now.
- Hence, it is urgent & important that the Final clearance is given by the Authorities so these investments start seeing actual work at ground level and a lead to thousands of employment being created.

The Urban Development Department has already issued the directives under section 154 to process the issuing of environmental clearance through this particular cell at corporation level. Accordingly, the standard operating process for the process of giving environmental clearance will be finalized in 15 days, from the date of formation of the respective environmental cell by concerned urban local body in MMR area.

Reportedly, till date only MCGM has formed the environment cell, but which is not yet started its working process. Also in other Municipal Corporations in MMR jurisdiction the process of formation of the cell is yet to be started. This is causing huge pending backlog of files in State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) about building proposals.

Therefore, on behalf of CREDAI-MCHI, I would like to request you that the SEIAA may take up and try to clear all pending files till formation and complete operationalization of the Environment Cell at various municipal corporations in MMR area which may take 3 months or more.

I would be grateful for the necessary consideration please

Yours



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CC :

✓ To,
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