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To,

Shri Rahul Narwekar

Hon'ble Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly

Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai

Sub: Regarding the permanent inclusion of at least 30% of Engineers under Housing Department (MHADA) on deputation to Slum Rehabilitation Authority initially in the service of Engineer Authority.

Respected Sir,

Slum Rehabilitation Authority was established in the year 1995. The Authority has been established with the noble objective of improving the standard of living of the citizens who have been living a halakhic life in the slums for years by giving them their rightful home and bringing such poor people into the mainstream of society.

Many rehabilitation schemes are pending / stalled due to many difficulties in implementing slum rehabilitation schemes. The authority does not have its own staff to complete the said schemes within the prescribed period and rehabilitate the slum dwellers. Officers employed by the Authority are on deputation to assist the Chief Executive Officer (SRA), including technical categories such as Engineers who are transferred or deputed to the parent department after their period of deputation has expired and the newly deputed engineers take a long time to familiarize themselves with the scheme and bring it up to speed. As a result the completion and continuity of the scheme is delayed. As an effective solution to this, if at least 30% of the engineers under the Housing Department (MHADA) on deputation are initially absorbed in the service of the Authority, it will be possible to carry out the said scheme and early rehabilitation and after the success of this proposal, other engineers and employees should be considered for permanent absorption in the service of the Authority. Furthermore, both SRA and MHADA are constituted under the Housing & Special Assistance Department.

The Slum Rehabilitation Scheme is governed by multiple government resolution under the Slum Act, Maharashtra Regional Town Planning Act. The Rehabilitation Scheme also has more than 200 numbers of circulars and the scheme implementation involves officers from Town Planning, Deputy Collector, Assistant Registrar, Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Finance Controller all of whom are co-ordinated with via the Engineering Division. For all these reasons to the Engineering staff plays a pivotal role in the continuity of redevelopment process. Retaining the existing staff will help continuity of process and the Prime Ministers mission of housing for all will also continue to be on track to success.

We know that you are aware of the problems of slum dwellers and that you are trying to solve them actively. So we hereby take liberty to suggest the above measures. It is hoped that you will consider such suggestions since the continuity of schemes and approvals is the first step to rehabilitate the slum dwellers by giving them resettlement flats expeditiously to achieve the original objective of the government 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.'

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

For CREDAI-MCHI

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