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16th December, 2016

Dear Shri Siddramaiah avare,

Sub: Regarding inadequate notice for the 2nd meeting of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Planning Committee (**BMPC**)

Ref: Undated letter bearing reference BDA/Commissioner/BMPC/Meeting-2/____/2016-17, delivered together with the Agenda for the 2nd meeting of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Planning Committee, issued by the Bangalore Development Authority (**BDA**)

It is with deep sense of disappointment that I am to address this letter to you, to notify the Government of Karnataka's irresponsible administration of the BMPC. I am in receipt of the undated letter issued by BDA referred above (herein after, the **Letter**), notifying of the 2nd meeting of the BMPC scheduled to take place at 04.30 pm on December 16, 2016, during the evening hours of December 15, 2016.

At the outset, I am to remind you that the BMPC is a constitutionally recognized body for advising Bengaluru on matters *inter alia* town planning, socio-economic development initiatives of Bengaluru. I fail to understand BDA's utter lack of responsibility in notifying the subject meeting by giving less than twenty (20) hours of notice preceding the meeting, i.e., in the evening hours of December 15, 2016.

You will be aware that the BMPC consists of members from a wide range of offices in local administration and otherwise, and I wonder how the BMPC will achieve the quorum as required to be achieved as per sub-clause (3) of Rule 5 to the Bangalore Metropolitan Planning Committee Rules, 2013 (the **Rules**), which stipulates the requirement of a quorum of two third of total members of the BMPC for transacting business at a meeting. Needless to mention, that for an effective and meaningful meeting of a body of critical importance such as the BMPC, sufficient time ought to be afforded to the members to reflect on the agenda set for a given meeting.



Whilst I am unaware if this is the new standard set by BDA in administering the BMPC, and also if other members of the BMPC were provided adequate notice for the subject meeting, I would like to take the occasion to register my stern objection to the manner of administration of the BMPC which enjoys critical recognition under the Constitution of India.

Personally, much that I would have wanted to participate in every meeting of the BMPC and contribute to the same as I did during the first meeting that was held on June 1, 2016, given the ongoing session of the Parliament and the grossly objectionable notice provided for the instant meeting, I would be unable to participate in the meeting scheduled to take place today (December 16, 2016).

I hereby record my objection to the convening of the 2nd meeting of the BMPC at such short notice and reserve my liberties in law to question the propriety and fairness of the same, should the meeting were to take place today. Alternatively, I strongly urge your offices to consider deferring the meeting to a later date and instruct the BDA to schedule the meeting to a later, after providing a notice for the meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the conduct of such meeting, to ensure maximum participation in the meeting.

Sincerely,

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