

Letter from Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MP to Home Minister Dr Parameshwara

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**Letter to Dr Parameshwara
Home Minister
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru,**

Dear Dr Parameshwara,

I write this to draw your attention to the impact of traffic management on traditional residential neighbourhoods like Koramangala. I have earlier brought this to the attention to Shri Saleem, Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) that his new traffic management rules are creating havoc and safety issues to many families living in these neighbourhoods.

I have received several petitions from Residents of Kormanagala about how such diversions of traffic consisting of multi-utility vehicles, cabs, cars and two wheelers - done without consulting the local residents nor keeping in mind their safety and concerns, has resulted in massive traffic inflows to their areas putting to risk the safety and movement of the residents, especially the children, women and senior citizens and causing severe hardships. Such disruption of otherwise peaceful residential areas is unacceptable and must not be allowed to continue.

Routing of point to point traffic of Hosur and Sarjapur roads through residential areas in order to improve traffic performance is unimaginative and unacceptable way to address traffic issues. Disruption of residential areas and putting lives of children, elderly and families at risk to speeding traffic is unconscionable and reflects apathy for citizens/residents who are all proud taxpaying citizens.

I am writing to caution you that this situation will surely lead to mishap in the near future - I pray that it is not the case, but this current solution is tragedy waiting to happen. I assure you that your government will held to account in this case.

There is a demand amongst people of our city to hold Governments and administrative departments of the city accountable to safety, law and order and loss of lives. Recent decisions of traffic police are falling under that category and I assure you that I will not hesitate to make accountable those who will put at risk the safety and lives of those living in residential areas by their ad-hoc decisions.

The Traffic Police must find alternative ways to manage smooth passage of traffic other than simply diverting them through the neighbourhoods and creating chaos and risking the safety of local residents. These are shortcuts with no lasting solutions to the traffic problems and are detrimental to the safety of the local residents.

I trust you will use this letter to review these recent decisions and stop the traffic flow into residential areas like Koramangala and other neighbourhoods.

Sincerely,

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