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Sub : IRC: 99-1988 Tentative Guidelines on the Provision of Speed Breakers for Control of Vehicular Speeds on Minor Roads

Dear Sir,

Our NGO is an apolitical organization focused on bringing about transparency in governance and aimed at ensuring a sustainable and safe quality of life to our citizens in Pune. Further information can be accessed from our website www.nagrikchetna.com

With regards to the above mentioned subject where the local urban body allows haphazard installation of speed-breakers of various shapes, sizes, materials, we have attached a short brief.

We look forward to IRC's response at the earliest so this view and recommendation can be forwarded to PMC for appropriate compliance as it concerns the safety of citizens of Pune.

Thanking you.
Sincerely.

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BRIEF ON SPEED-BREAKERS UNDER PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Aim

For Pune Municipal Corporation to install, create speed-breakers according to national codes, norms & guidelines after obtaining Traffic Police NOC at such locations so that these standardized speed-breakers are able to harness and control speeding vehicles and avoid unnecessary fatalities and accidents

Ground Reality

1. Pune Municipal Corporation does not follow national codes, norms, guidelines
2. PMC allows speed-breakers of various shapes, sizes, types, most of them unauthorized, most of them at the behest of local unqualified pressure tactics
3. PMC does not have statistics available of the number and types of speed-breakers existing under their jurisdiction.
4. Speed-breakers installed are of such low quality material that they are damaged and / or destroyed within no time
5. Subsequent to RTI filed by the Manch following the news report (attached), PMC has appointed a third party surveyor to conduct an appraisal in order to analysis the final data. This survey, we have been informed will take three months to complete.

NCM's view

- a. Speed-breakers must be in accordance to IRC : 99-1988.
- b. Additionally the order according to the Judgment of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay : 2005 (4) BomCR 25 of 27.04.2005, especially sections 10 to 14, must be complied with

PMC's view

When we brought IRC norms and the HC order to PMC's notice, PMC officials state that, *"We just want to clarify that even the guidelines mentioned by IRC are vague with respect to specifications, leaving it to the discretion of local interpretation. Also, we are following it up with IRC to give us specific set of guidelines for Urban Roads. I am myself a member of IRC H-8 committee who has been entrusted with the task of making a Urban Roads Manual. One part of the same is traffic calming measures which includes speed breakers and its norms. IRC has taken up the task of modifying the guidelines and as soon as they are finalised we will notify all regarding it."*

Recommendation requested from IRC

PMC's opinion and implementation on ground level seems to be in contravention to the Judgment and IRC codes.

Hence, we seek IRC's direct opinion in this matter since it is an institute devoted to multi-dimensional facets endorsed by the Govt. of India with the objective of Road Development in India.

