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To : Mr. Kunal Kumar, Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation, Pune – by hand
To : Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister, State of Maharashtra (additional charge of Urban Development Department), Mumbai – by speedpost

Sub : Urban Street Design Guidelines for Pune

Dear Sir,

PMC has appointed a consultant to prepare the Urban Street Design Guidelines. In addition, PMC has also involved NGOs to discuss, suggest & recommend changes in the draft.

The last meeting headed by Mr. Vivek Kharwadkar CE (Roads) was held on 27th July 2015.

We agree that USDG should be city centric just like those in New Delhi and Bangalore. However, it is necessary that there should be no compromise where IRC rules, regulations, mandates & codes are concerned. One of the objectives of IRC is "To promote the use of standard specifications and to propose specifications".

Hence, NCM is of the firm view that the USDG for Pune must not violate existing IRC norms which are followed all over India including Maharashtra. There should be no compromise on this important aspect as these guidelines are standardised. In the absence of this compliance, the USDG will invite disputes and / or legal squabbles later.

If the PMC or the State feels that IRC codes/guidelines/mandates are believed to be "out dated", then the correct manner to get them updated is to approach the IRC who has full-fledged qualified experts to effect such a revision, if found necessary.

Common and practical sense has it's limitations and technical matters are best left to experts in the line.

Hence, the least PMC must do is to send the finalised draft to IRC for clearance.

USDG draft is available PMC's website : <http://www.punecorporation.org/informpdf/Road/USDG-FD-UploadingFile.pdf>. IRC web site is : <http://irc.org.in/ENU/Pages/AboutUs.aspx>

We would request a line in confirmation.

Thank you. Yours sincerely.

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