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OPEN LETTER

Date : 7th October 2015

To : Shri Kunal Kumar – Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation
Copy : Smt. Ashwini Kadam – Chairperson Standing Committee, PMC
Copy : Shri Dattatray Dhankawade – Mayor PMC
Copy : Shri Shankar Kemse – Leader of the House, PMC
Copy : Shri Arvind Shinde – Leader of the Opposition, PMC

Sub : **Cut-back / Curtailment of Unnecessary Expenditure in Budget 2015-2016**

Dear Sir,

We are completely in agreement that PMC has to incorporate austerity measures in view of uncertainty in income against expenditure mainly because of diminishing income through LBT.

Despite opposition from elected representatives and especially the Standing Committee (who are unable to see the writing on the wall and are far removed from reality), we strongly recommend that you do not withdraw the circular issued on 28th September 2015 that was issued with the intention of using public funds for essential works and not towards wasteful expenditure.

Under the MMC Act 1949, you are empowered & obligated to take descretionary financial and administrative decisions for the city.

We suggest that any expenditure towards following unnecessary items be stopped / curtailed :

1. Benches, bins, bags, etc
2. Toys & other material like toy trains for entertainment in gardens & parks
3. Cultural / community / recreation halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports venues & facilities, etc
4. New vehicles, decoration of elected representative offices & residences, 'educational' trips
5. Audit of all PMC hospitals & schools to check for complete usability before executing new projects

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6. All grants to social organization must be stopped
7. Spending for inconsequential construction such as arches that are publicity to the area elected representatives must not be approved
8. Implement 30 % cut in petrol expenditures of all cars allotted to officials and office-bearers
9. In fact Mayor, Chairperson of SC, Leaders of House & Opposition, all party office-bearers, Commissioner and all the senior officials who are allotted official vehicles should come to office either on bicycles or by bus. And use official cars only from / to office for official work.
10. Budget allotments for flyovers should be re-appropriated for only essential works, not for irrelevant and unnecessary purposes as is happening currently by the the Standing Committee and General Body.
11. Levy heavy fines on those not segregating waste at source, spit in public, desecrate, defecate & damage public property and spaces, etc.
12. All celebratory expenditure pertaining to birth and death anniversaries of 'eminent' persons should be curtailed and only token ceremonies should be permitted (such as paying homage with one rose)
13. All expenses that is used towards glorification of elected representatives and party ex-officios should be cancelled
14. Any expenditure which would be termed as inconsequential, frivolous and irrelevant must not take place

Following routine & essential work should not be cancelled and / or added from / to your list as these are in larger public interest :

- A. Repairing & creating footpaths which are essential for safety of pedestrians
- B. Re-surfacing roads & creating roads, streets as per DP where settlements exist
- C. Repairs under Defect Liability period must be pushed as this will ensure that the contractor does not get away by doing sub-standard work
- D. Impose heavy penalty on contractors in the work order issued so that it is ensured that they complete the work according to agreed terms with PMC
- E. For increasing income, hawker's policy to be approved to start charging rent to hawkers and vendors as per designated category as this proposal is lying pending before the General Body
- F. All PMC departments to be given targets for recovery of penalties / dues from illegal / unauthorised structures, unassessed property, penalties due to illegal activities flourishing
- G. Work related to pipeline laying, sewage treatment, solid waste management to proceed so that the city functions with basic amenities
- H. Any other work that is deemed as essential, not frivolous

We are sure you will not back down in the face of stiff opposition from elected representatives.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

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