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Mr. Johny Joseph  
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Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai  
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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Transplantation/Compensatory Plantation of Eastern  
Express Highway/Western Express Highway – MUIP-  
MMRDA Project**

Substantial work of the abovementioned Project seems to be done. It is time to do internal audit and site inspection of compensatory plantation, transplantation, etc. of Eastern Express Highway/Western Express Highway MUIP-MMRDA Project.

I would request both Tree Authority and MMRDA to consider the following :

1. What was the survey, observation, recommendation.
2. How much transplantation has been done at which places
3. Compensatory plantation inspection
4. Compilation, comparison of compensatory plantation, transplantation and total trees found in the survey.
5. Net result.

My idea of such audit is to have a stock-taking system in the Tree Authority and MMRDA, e.g. on the Eastern Express Highway, survey was conducted not before starting the project but after the complaint was received. Before the survey started, hundreds of trees were uprooted by the contractor.


In the survey conducted later on, out of 5477 trees, 646 trees were recommended to be cut and 3631 were recommended for transplantation.

How many of these have been transplanted?  
Remain alive?  
Success ratio?  
Pending? etc.

I would request to do a detailed study, which will help all of us, policy-makers and the Administration, Executive machinery for future consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,



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Cc: Tree Authority Members

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