

महाराष्ट्र शासन

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माहितीचा अधिकार

क्र. ममा३१-२००८/प्र.क्र. २६/०८/नावि-३३

नगर विकास विभाग.

मंत्रालय, मुंबई-६०० ०३२

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प्रति,

✓ डा. किरीट सोमय्या,

माजी संसद सदस्य

९/सी निलम नगर, फेज-२,

मुलुंड (पूर्व), मुंबई-४०० ०८१

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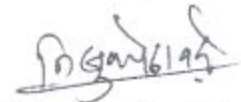
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संदर्भ:- आपले जन माहिती अधिकारी मा. मुख्यमंत्र्यांचे सचिवालय यांना लिहिलेला दिनांक ५/२/२००८ रोजीचा अर्ज व दि. १८/३/२००८ चा सुधारित अर्ज.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयावरील आपल्या संदर्भाकीत पत्रास अनुसरून मला असं कळविण्याचे निर्देश आहेत की, आपण वरील पत्रान्वये दिनांक १/१/२००८ ते २९/२/२००८ या कालावधीत "मिठी नदी" संदर्भात मा. मुख्यमंत्री यांनी मा. प्रधान मंत्री यांना लिहिलेल्या पत्राची प्रत पाठविण्याबाबत कळविले आहे. परंतु मा. मुख्यमंत्री यांनी या कालावधीत मा. प्रधान मंत्री यांना कोणताही पत्रव्यवहार केल्याचे आढळून येत नाही. याबाबत मा. मुख्यमंत्री, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांनी दिनांक २३ ऑक्टोबर, २००७ व दिनांक १९ नोव्हेंबर, २००७ रोजी अनुक्रमे श्री. पी. चिंदवरम्, मा. वित्तमंत्री, भारत सरकार व प्रधान मंत्री यांना पत्र पाठविलेली आहेत. त्याच्या प्रती सोबत जोडलेल्या आहेत.

आपला,



(नि. सु. कांठावदे)

सहपत्र : वरीलप्रमाणे

कक्ष अधिकारी तथा माहिती अधिकारी

CHIEF MINISTER

MAHARASHTRA

Cms107/112351

October 23, 2007

Dear Shri Chidambaramji,

This has reference to the Office Memorandum dated September 6, 2007 issued by the Department of Expenditure, regarding Development and Protection of Mithi River for Central assistance under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). It appears from the Memorandum that the Ministry of Finance has decided not to include this project under JNNURM as there is no clear provision for treating a river as a natural drain as an admissible component under JNNURM and if included, such liberal interpretation would enlarge the scope of admissible components of JNNURM.

You are aware that State Government has taken up the ambitious Mithi River project after flooding in Mumbai caused mainly due to excessive rains during monsoon of 2005. There are as many as 43 storm drains flowing into the Mithi river. This works out to about 33% catchments area of Western and 29% Eastern Suburb areas of Mumbai. This water ultimately flows into the sea. Widening and deepening of Mithi river is, therefore, essential for preservation of Mithi river, which is a water body. This project will reduce possibility of flooding due to excessive rains to a great extent and improve the capacity of the river to drain away storm water (rain water). The guidelines for submission on Urban Infrastructure and Governance include construction and improvement of drains / storm water drains as one of the eligible components. Further, preservation of water bodies is also an admissible component under JNNURM.

In view of above, it is requested to reconsider the proposal and include the Mithi River Project under JNNURM. If it is still not considered possible to fund this project under JNNURM, additional Central assistance may be sanctioned outside JNNURM, for this project.

I shall be grateful for favourable consideration.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vilasrao Deshmukh)

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North Block,
New Delhi - 110 001.

C.C. ✓ The Pr Secy (UD), Mantralaya, Mumbai


(Y.K. Chowdhary)
Joint Secretary



सत्यमेव जयते

CHIEF MINISTER
MAHARASHTRA

D.O.No.CMS/FS/10(1)/245
Date: 19th November, 2007.

Respected Prime Minister

Sub. : Approval of Mithi River Project under JNNURM

In the aftermath of unprecedented floods in Mumbai on July 26 2005, you had graciously announced support for schemes for improving the drainage situation in the city. Accordingly the BRIMSTOWAD project was sanctioned on 100% grant-in-aid basis and the first instalment of Rs.400 crore was handed over at your hands to the Mayor of Mumbai on 31st August 2007. On that occasion, when I brought to your notice other projects awaiting approval for improving basic infrastructure of Mumbai City, you promised support for Mithi River Development Project, which was pending for EFC clearance. I am reproducing assurance given on that day -

"There are other projects for improving Mumbai's drainage. Development and protection of the Mithi River and its surroundings is another key initiative for mitigating the flood situation in Mumbai. The Central Government is considering support for Phase II of this Project. It will cover the entire stretch of River Mithi from Virar Lake to the Mahim Causeway".

Even though it is wellknown that Mithi River is not basically a river but, a storm water drain which requires to be widened and deepened, the Ministry of Finance seems to be against including this project under JNNURM saying that there is no clear provision for treating a river as a natural drain as an admissible component under JNNURM and if included, such liberal interpretation would enlarge the scope of admissible components of JNNURM.

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With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vikasrao Deshmukh)

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