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Dear *Shri Anil Kumar*

Sub: Citizens complaints received by RWAs regarding Rampant and Illegal commercialization of residential areas

I am writing to you with reference to representations and complaints filed by several RWAs regarding illegal commercialization in their residential areas. You are aware that in many cases, such illegal commercial activities are thriving and causing crime, law and order and other public nuisance to innocent residents and their families living in those areas.

As you are aware, in a meeting presided over by Hon'ble Chief Minister B. S. Yeddyurappa on 06th Sept 2019 along with Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C. N. Ashwath Narayan, Chief Secretary Vijay Bhaskar and your kindself, the issue of illegal commercialization was raised by me and other public representatives of our city. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had instructed you to take immediate strict legal action pertaining to all kinds of violations of zoning regulations in residential areas, such as illegal bars, pubs, massage parlours, restaurants and other kinds of commercial establishments.

Subsequently, I had called upon citizens and RWAs to register any complaints in writing about Illegal commercial activities/establishments. I had also informed them that if the concerned Joint Commissioner does not act on such complaints within 7 days, a copy of the complaint can be sent to my office.

Based on this, I have received over 120 complaints by citizens & RWAs on illegal establishments that no action has been taken against their complaints and the same has been attached. Serious questions arise about BBMPs responsiveness to citizens reporting illegalities – it is BBMPs solemn obligation to do everything to uphold the law.

Ensuring that our city is a city where citizens and laws prevail, is an article of faith for me and this Government. So, I am requesting for the following:



- 1a. Direct all zonal Additional Commissioners/JCs/SEc to take action on these kinds of irregularities, immediately and transparently.
- b. A standard process to be followed for both the complaints and action to be put in the BBMP website.
- c. It is understood that unscrupulous elements in BBMP use these complaints to extort money and demand bribes. You must take steps to put an end to such irregularities.
2. BBMP must urgently come with **Guidelines & Rules** for all legal commercial establishments in Residential areas.
3. BBMP must be responsible for serving the city of Bengaluru and I would urge you to implement this culture of accountability & transparency in BBMP.

I will follow up with your office to track the progress of these reports of illegalities

Yours sincerely

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