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23rd April, 2018

To,
Mr. Ajoy Mehta,
Municipal Commissioner,
BMC, Mumbai



Dear Sir,

Let me begin by thanking you for this meeting where we can discuss and plan how together the citizens and the BMC can improve our city, Mumbai.

Yes we agree that the major problem is Solid Waste Management. Every Housing society must segregate dry and wet waste and hopefully go one step further and compost the wet waste. AGNI, as part of Swachha Mumbai Abhiyan has contacted 250 schools in Mumbai from different Trusts like Anjuman – Islam, Petit, and the Archdiocese. Many of these schools especially in the H-West ward have started composting. Auxillium Convent has won the Green Award three years in a row. These students will carry back this message to the Housing Societies they live in. It has been correctly said that " the child is the father of the man".

The ALM meetings should discuss and solve the SWM problems of their area. But Sir, there are other problems like drainage, water, pavements, roads, illegal encroachments, etc. So when should we meet our AMC and Section Heads to solve these issues. We used to in the past and even invite the Councillors for the meeting and many issues were resolved.

But if you feel that we must only discuss SWM at ALM meetings then the same group can meet on another day to sort out the other problems. The BMC staff can share with you how many of us have helped them during road repairs, drainage, and detecting dengue and malaria larvae in Societies. If I may say so Sir, here are a few suggestions. Bandra has many open spaces, and gardens which have been taken over by the BMC. However we have formed groups to supervise and help, e.g. in Joggers Park we got our Rajya Sabha Member Mr. Majeed Memon to use his funds to build new toilets. We are also using composting pits for green waste. Is it possible for us to get shredders, especially for the Jhavalis which lie on the pavement?

Finally, we would like you to give 3 written Notices to Housing Societies, to be put up on their Notice Boards for segregation. If after this they still do not segregate, a fine of Rs.1000/- should be charged to the Society. (After all the Mumbaikar really reacts when his/her pocket is pinched). And Sir, if I may once again suggest that the Housing Societies which are composting and there is zero garbage, they should be rewarded with a 3 to 5 percent reduction in Property Tax. This will be a very good incentive and many Societies have approached us to talk with you on this matter.

Let me thank you once again for giving me this opportunity to share our thoughts and suggestions with you. AGNI will always support the BMC in making Mumbai a world class city.

Thanking you,

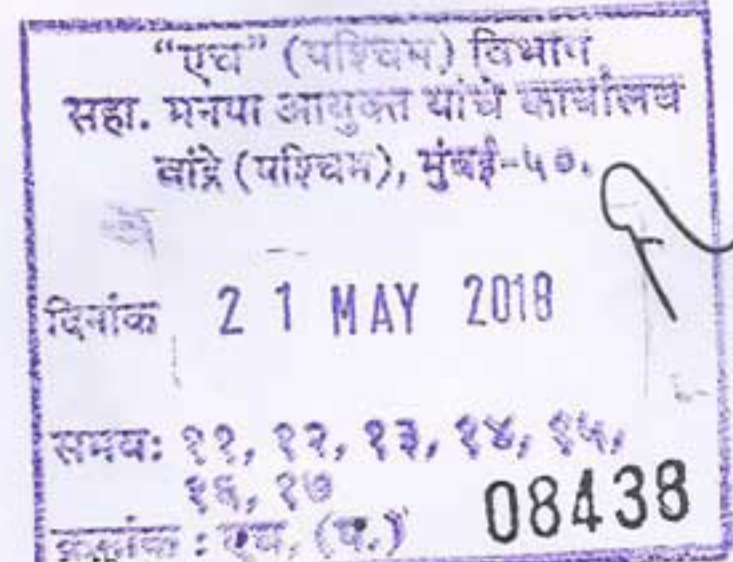
Yours Sincerely,

Shyama Kulkarni

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May 14 2018

As per the request of the Municipal Commissioner Mr. Ajoy Mehta, a meeting was held on 7th May with AGNI Trustee Shyama Kulkarni and H-west ward AMC Mr. Sharad Ugade.

Mr.Mehta has agreed to re-register the ALM's. However, his condition was that the Housing Societies and bungalows which are part of the ALM's have to segregate wet and dry waste. If they do not do so, then 3 Notices will sent to them and if they still do not segregate then a fine of Rs.1000/- will be levied on the concerned Society.

He agreed to send a letter to all the Ward Officers to have monthly ALM meetings. Except for the H-west ward, most other wards have not given Registration numbers to the ALM's. This should also be done. If new ALM's wish to be registered, then the form would have to be filled at the SWM department of the concerned ward. Mrs. Kulkarni was requested by the Commissioner to conduct meetings for the new ALM's to explain to them their responsibilities.

The main agenda for these meetings would be segregation after which other civic issues like water, roads, potholes, illegal encroachments could be discussed. However, only ALM's which segregated their waste could attend these meetings.

c.c. Mr. Sharad Ugade.

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