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DCP zone1

Addl Cp south region

The above two officers shall take action under IPC for playing mischief with road and endangering life of the citizens

**Subject: *Objection to Robotic Parking Opp. Bombay High Court – Illegalities, Irregularities, Misinformation & Tender Manipulation***

**Respected Sir/Madam,**

***1. Illegalities and Irregularities in Robotic Parking Projects***

It has been observed that every robotic parking project sanctioned by the BMC has involved illegal approvals, procedural irregularities, and misinformation. The same pattern is evident in this project:

1. **False Justification for Need:** No genuine parking demand or feasibility study has been conducted or made publicly available. The approvals appear to be based on fabricated or undisclosed data.
2. **Incorrect Traffic Studies:** No independent, peer-reviewed traffic impact study has been published to justify how this project will ease congestion.
3. **Concealment of Key Facts:** Heritage restrictions, legal requirements, and environmental impacts have been intentionally ignored to push this project forward. It is evident that the Municipal Commissioner (MC) and Additional Municipal Commissioner (Addl. MC) have sanctioned this project based on misleading information, arbitrary decision-making, and non-compliance with legal procedures, thereby causing wrongful loss of taxpayers' money. These actions warrant an immediate investigation.
4. **Traffic island:** the BMC shall also clarify the sections and provision of law relied upon to misuse the road space / traffic island for converting the same into robot parking.

***2. Illegalities in the Approval Process – Missing Mandatory No Objection Certificates (NOCs)***

The project has been undertaken without securing essential approvals as mandated by law. The following permissions have not been obtained:

1. **Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee (MHCC):** No approval for development in the Grade I heritage zone.
2. **Urban Development Department (UDD), Maharashtra:** No clearance for land-use change under DCPR 2034.
3. **Collector’s Office:** No legal approval for land allocation.
4. **Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB):** No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) conducted.
5. **Mumbai Traffic Police / Traffic Planning Department:** No detailed traffic impact study conducted.
6. **Tree Authority, BMC:** No public notification issued for tree cutting or relocation. These omissions are not just irregularities but outright violations of the law, making the project illegal.

***3. Tender Process Manipulation and Financial Irregularities***

There are serious illegalities and procedural violations in the tendering process, including:

1. **Restricted Competition:** The eligibility criteria were structured to favor preselected bidders, eliminating fair competition.
2. **Lack of Transparency:** The project details, estimated costs, and tendering process have not been publicly disclosed, violating Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. **No Competitive Bidding:** No genuine competitive process appears to have been followed.
4. **Inflated Costs:** The project cost is artificially inflated, indicating financial mismanagement and possible corruption. This requires an immediate criminal investigation.

***4. Demand for Names of Responsible Officers***

I formally request details of all officers involved in approving and facilitating this illegal project, including:

1. **Names, designations, and departments of officials who sanctioned this project without obtaining necessary NOCs.**
2. **A list of officers who were part of the tendering process, signed contracts, or facilitated the bidding.**
3. **The names of private firms or individuals awarded the tender, along with their financial credentials and past project records.**
4. **Names of subcontractors and final implementing agencies** assigned to execute the robotic parking project. This information must be disclosed under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005, and made public immediately.

***5. No Public Consultation or Awareness Programs Conducted***

BMC has failed to: **i. Issue a public notice inviting objections and suggestions.** **ii. Conduct a public hearing explaining the project’s impact on traffic, heritage, and the environment.** **iii. Publish project details on its official website for public transparency.** This is a violation of the citizen participation process mandated under urban development laws.

***6. Violation of Legal and Heritage Norms***

1. **The Bombay High Court is in a high-security heritage zone**, and no permissions have been obtained from the Court Administration.
2. **The Development Plan (DP) 2034 does not mention this project**, making it unauthorized.
3. **Excavation in this sensitive area may cause irreversible damage to underground utilities, heritage aesthetics, and public infrastructure.**

***7. Work Started Illegally Without Requisite Permissions***

**i. No valid NOC was obtained from any competent authority before work commenced.** **ii. No mandatory display boards with project details, contractor names, or approval references have been installed.** **iii. No authorized BMC officials or representatives are present on-site to oversee compliance.**

***8. Demand for Immediate Action***

Given these illegalities and irregularities, I demand that the BMC and relevant authorities:

1. **Immediately halt the project until all approvals are legally secured.**
2. **Publicly disclose all project-related documents, NOCs, and approvals.**
3. **Conduct an independent audit into the tendering process and inflated costs.**
4. **Register an FIR against those responsible for financial fraud, misrepresentation, and corruption.** I
5. **Initiate disciplinary action against BMC officials involved in this illegal approval process.** If no corrective action is taken within 7 days, I will initiate legal proceedings, including a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and criminal complaints against the concerned authorities.