

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER BOMBAY

No. MDE/4214,
Municipal Offices,
Jawahar Road, Chatkoper(E),
Bombay-400 077.

Dated: 22nd July, 1977.

To,

The President,
Mankhurd Janata Colony,
All Party Committee,
C.F.12, Cheetah Camp,
Trombay,
Bombay-400 088.

Sub: Grievances of Mankhurd Janata Colony
Residents All Party Committee. - - -

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated the 9th April, 1977 addressed to Hon'ble Shri H.N. Balugana and Hon'ble Shri Atal Bihari Bajpayi, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of India, enclosing a Memorandum for redressal of grievances of your colony. The letter along with your Memorandum has been forwarded to this office for disposal by the Section Officer, Government of Maharashtra, Urban Development and Public Health Department under his Nos. BMC 2377/2577/VD(3) dated 1st June, 1977 and No. BMC 2377/2449 of 26th May, 1977.

The Janata Colony has been shifted as per instructions of the State Government in consultation with the Central Government and has been re-accommodated at the new colony at Cheetah Camp. The Cheetah Camp colony has been planned as per Slum Improvement standards and has been provided with amenities like streets, roads, drains, street lights sanitary blocks and water supply. The displaced hutment dwellers and shopkeepers have been provided with pitches of 10'x15' on compensation basis and they have been permitted to construct their sheds as per instructions. All the authorised tenants of Janata Colony have been provided with alternative accommodations, not only that but even the unauthorised occupiers have been given pitches on humanitarian grounds. The rents or compensation charged is as per the standard fixed by the State Government and the Corporation.

Some of the residents have formed Co-operative Societies and has constructed houses as per approved plans. It will be seen that only authorised residents who possess allotment letters given by the Corporation stay in the Societies quarters. If any outsider is found to occupy the same, immediate action for eviction will be taken as per the Corporation rules. As far as the Corporation is concerned, the Society is in no way different than other hutment dwellers. The Society is in the correspondence with the Corporation for leasing out the area to them and their request will be considered on merit as per rules. This office has not received any complaint from the members of the Society against the Society for any matters. If any such complaint is received, the same will be investigated and necessary further action taken.

As regards your demands, our remarks are as follows:-

Your demand for pitches of sizes 15' x 20' cannot be met as per the policy formulated by the State Government. If you insist on the policy to give equivalent pitches of only 10' x 15' all be as per the policy.

- 2) Your demand for a residential pitch of 10'x20' and shop pitch of 20'x25' can not be accepted as it is exorbitant and against the standard fixed by the Slum Improvement Board.
- 3) Your demand for giving pitches on ownership basis cannot be accepted. The pitches are given on lease and licence basis. The ownership vests with the Corporation and the State Government.
- 4) The State Government has already got a scheme for construction of houses. The pitch holders to contribute a sum of Rs. 1,000/- and the loan for remaining Rs. 2000/- can be arranged through the nationalised banks. You may, therefore, take advantage of the scheme.
- 5) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has already given Rs. 400/- as a help for shifting. In addition, the cost of the transportation has been borne by the B.A.R.C. It is not a practice to give compensation for shifting unauthorised hutments.
- 6) It is not the practice either to allot lands or construct religious structures. Even the structures at Janata Colony were unauthorised and as such it is not the Corporation's responsibility. However, the Corporation has agreed to give some land for constructing these facilities. It is for the people, therefore, to build the religious structures with their own contributions.
- 7) This pertains to the State Government.
- 8) This pertains to the railways and you may directly contact with the Railway Ministry. There is, however, no scope for extending the railways. Arrangements are, however, made for bus service to cater to the Cheeta Camp area.
- 9) The Post-Master General, Bombay, has already been requested to open a post office for the benefit of Cheeta Camp. A dispensary and a medical care centre has been approved and the work is expected to be started shortly. In addition to these, a Mobile Dispensary also attends to the Colony.
- 10) Although it was agreed to give 4 bags of cement to the residents for shifting, this agreement was no longer valid as the residents refused to shift on their own and also brought court injunctions and obstructed the shifting. In view of this they had forfeited the rights of the old agreement.
- 11) It is true that some people have been given pitches 10'x10' and 7'x7' and 7½'. These pitches have been given on humanitarian ground only as the persons were unauthorised occupiers of the Janata Colony and whose names were not recorded in the various inventories carried out from time to time. Many of them were also occupying areas less than this in the Janata Colony unauthorisedly.
- 12) It is not the responsibility of the Corporation to provide electricity or meters inside the hutments. The hutment dwellers have himself to obtain electric connection at his own cost.
- 13) A Cementry is provided at Deonar which is 4 Kms. away. Additional Cementry, if required will be provided later on after acquiring the land.
- 14) There is already a provision for a garden in Cheeta Camp and the Janata colony. There is no place available for a playground. Indirectly the Janata colony.

rosy Home is on an adjoining plot and is a health ground.

16. Bunds have been constructed along the creek side to prevent high tide water coming in the Colony. However, it is observed that the residents have broken bunds and utilised the materials of this bund for constructing hutments. All the roads were in surface has gone bad. The necessary repairs will be carried out after the monsoon.

17. No comments.

However, the B.A.R.C. has to acquire the whole land. Similarly, the slum Improvement Board and the Corporation had to provide money to provide various amenities. The B.A.R.C. has also spent for providing transport for shifting of hutments and paid Rs. 400/- as compensation to the various residents.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

21-7-77.

By. Municipal Commissioner,
Zone-V.