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To,

His Excellence Shri. Thawar Chand Gehlot,  
The Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka,  
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Respected Sir,

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**Sub:** Request your excellency to intervene and ensure justice to the members of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Contractors' Association ® or provide civil death to the contractors.

1. We are writing this representation to your excellency on behalf of the troubled members of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Contractors' Association ("Association"). We are a registered Association registered under the Karnataka Societies Act, 1960. We are an Association with more than about 750 members, who are contractors performing public procurement works. We are submitting this representation being harassed by the high handed and arbitrary actions of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ("BBMP") in withholding the payments that are due and payable to the contractors. Even though the bills have been approved and certified by the officials of concerned department in BBMP, payments are being withheld for extraneous considerations and the same is elaborated hereinbelow.
2. We wish to humbly submit that the association comprises of contractor who execute the civil works, including road works, drain works, solid waste management works and all such other essential and crucial works in Bangalore. Collectively, we form a group of contractors who ensure that the essential works in Bengaluru city are performed so as to ensure that the brand image of Bengaluru city is maintained high.
3. We are submitting this representation with a feeling of deep anguish and agony as the BBMP is adopting a step-motherly attitude towards the contractors and is refusing to release the legitimate payments that are to be released to the concerned contractors. We wish to state that

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all the contracts that are executed during the recent times are under the KW-4 standard format and as per the conditions of contracts under KW-4 contract (*specifically under clause 33*), within 60 days from the date a contract raises a bill, BBMP is under a contractual obligation to release the payments against such bills. Though BBMP is under an obligation to release payments, the contractors have been desperately waiting for more than the last 2 years for the release of their payments.

4. It appears that BBMP, which is supposed to act in a manner so as to protect our interests, has been acting in absolute detriment to our interests. The Association has received representations from numerous contractors complaining of the illegal and arbitrary stand of the BBMP in refusing to release the payments and we have also been informed by some of the contractors that a commission of 10-15% is being demanded on behalf of the Hon'ble Minister for Bengaluru Development for the release of payments against bills that are certified and approved for payments.
5. Even though BBMP is claiming lack of funds for release of the amounts, that is nothing but a farce by BBMP inasmuch as the letter dated 30/06/2023 issued by the Special Commissioner (Finance) to the Chief Commissioner would show that more than Rs. 675 Crores has been released to BBMP under SIP / Nagarothana / Nava Nagarothana works as first instalment for 2023-24 and that a sum of more than Rs. 1,500 Crores is available with BBMP. Even though funds are available with BBMP, the contractors are being harassed every passing day for the release of their legitimate payments.
6. The Association apprehends that the BBMP is attempting to arm twist the contractors for extraneous considerations budging to political pressure and in the process, the contractors are suffering inexplicable plights. We wish to submit that as your excellency is aware, the contractors execute works by availing loans and overdraft facilities and it is the regular payments of the bills against the works done that ensures financial solvency of the contractor. If payments are withheld for years on end, it rings a death knell to the financial solvency of a contractor. At present, the actions of BBMP have resulted in a dire situation causing contractors to consider giving up their life by killing themselves as they are unable to face the financial burden that they are being put through.

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7. Each passing day, the cheques that are issued by the contractors are being dishonoured and the bank accounts of the contractors are being classified as NPAs. The creditors are coming to the doorsteps of the contractors, demanding payment and banks are attaching the properties of the contractors for default in payment. All of this is being caused due to the deliberate actions of BBMP and we wish to state that if the situation continues as is, the contractors will be forced to commit suicide as the financial strain and mental torture that they are being subjected is unbearable and insufferable.

8. Though the government circulars that were issued by the Government earlier directing to withhold payments, has been recalled unconditionally by virtue of circular dated 31/07/2023 bearing No. AE 1 TFP 2023, it appears that BBMP is deliberately and directly contravening the directions of the Government for the sake of considerations that are not known to us. We are unable to understand the motive behind BBMP's action and even though we have given innumerable representations, our pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

9. On an estimate, the pending payments to the contractors under government grant is about Rs. 3,000 Crores and under BBMP grant is about Rs. 2,500 Crores. The bills are kept on hold since the past 30 months and the conduct of BBMP is abhorrent and is against the very tenets of public interest. The stand taken by the Government in orchestrating the withholding the genuine payments and constituting a self-serving committee to examine the works that have been executed since the past 5 years only demonstrates the intention of the state machinery in harassing the contractors. With a heavy heart we wish to state that such an action will eventually result in a situation where the contractors will invariably have to go on an indefinite strike and the public at large will be inconvenienced.

10. Being driven to a state of desperation, having no other recourse available to us, we have approached your excellency with a hope that your excellency would interfere in this matter at the earliest and prevent the loss of life of the contractors. With all earnest we wish to state that if the situation does not improve and if the bills of the contracts are not cleared at the earliest, the contractors will have no other option but to resort to committing suicide as the contractors are unable to tolerate the pressure.

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11. Despite this plea, if BBMP refuses to release the payments, we request your Excellency to grant us permission to lay down our lives and grant us the mercy of death, for death once and for all seems like an easier alternative to the agony that we are suffering every day.
12. We sincerely hope that your Excellency would consider our request and intervene and oblige.

For BBMP Contractors' Association

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[K T Manjunath,  
President]

**Enclosures:**

1. Letter dated 30/06/2023 issued by the Special Commissioner (Finance) to the Chief Commissioner;
2. Government Circular dated 31/07/2023 bearing No. AE 1 TFP 2023

**Endorsed by:**