

Yusuf Building (Annexe) Tenants Association
76 Mangaldas Road, Mumbai 400 002

30th October, 2006.

To:

Mr. R.A. Rajeev
Addl. Municipal Commissioner (City)
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
BMC Annexe Building, 3rd Floor,
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Mumbai 400 001.

Re: Request for Nuisance Detectors (ND).

Dear Mr. Rajeev,

With all the newspaper reports re: dengue and other contagious diseases, we were happy to read in the Mid-Day issue about the Swachha Mumbai Samiti (Clean Mumbai Committee).

One fact we have realized is unless the citizen is penalized for their bad habits, which are detrimental to the other citizens around them, they will never improve. Your proposed Fines for the various offences is the only solution.

We have been writing to the BMC-C Ward for years regarding the bad civic habits of the tenants living in the buildings adjacent to our building. However, the tenants living in these building refuse to mend their bad habits. The citizens who are adding to the unhygienic conditions in the area as those living in :

Ramji Thakarji Building, 105-111 Lohar Chawl and the building next to
it named Govind Niwas.

The tenants who live on the topmost floor of Ramji Thakarji Building, which is right next to the stairway of our building, throw their leftovers, vegetables (fresh & cooked) and the women folk their soiled sanitary pads & other garbage, on the zinc roof top of our stairway. Two weeks back a large flower pot was thrown on the stairway roof which broke with the impact. A person working in our building was saved from the flower pot falling on his head.

On an earlier occasion, when these same tenants were renovating their bathroom & verandah, the workers broke the entire zinc roof top of our stairway, when one of their windows, crashed on the roof of our building. At the time, they said they would replace the same, but later they went back on their word.

These acts are clear indication that these citizens have the cash but no civic education, they are constantly throwing all their rubbish (incl. the women of the family their sanitarries) without any shame, since they live in the terrace flat of their building, they feel they can get away with these filthy uncivilized habits.

Apart from the above, the two gutter lanes alongside their building are clogged with rubbish from over the years. Their toilet pipes were broken over the years. They were replaced only a couple of months back, that too because the building workers of Govind Niwas (the building next to Ramji) were being sprayed with all the night soil, every time the Ramji tenants went to the toilet. However, though the main pipes have been replaced, they have not been connected to the drainage main pipe in the gutter lane hence there is a pile of accumulation in the gutter lane, and no BMC sweeper has been able to clean the lanes over the years. Though we have been writing to the BMC 'C' Ward no action has been taken till date. We enclose a copy of our letter dated 18.7.06 on the subject till date nothing has been done.

The 'C' Ward Officer has mentioned in the Press that they have deployed extra trucks to remove the debris & garbage. He also mentioned that they would start levying heavy fines on people throwing garbage in the gutter lanes. The only solution to this problem is levying of Fines for such offences, especially those regarding unclean house lanes, littering, spitting, etc., etc. The citizens will only improve if they have to pay for their bad habits.

Kindly initiate immediate action to prevent serious outbreak of diseases in the area. This continuous flow of night-soil poses very serious health problems like viral fever, respiratory, infections, most important to prevent mosquito breeding, the constant foul smell pervading the entire area. This is a serious health problem to the citizens living in the area, especially the children.

The Govind Niwas Tenants who have taken a day to day interest in the rebuilding of their building, have the same bad civic habits of their neighbouring building Ramji tenants. Though the building has been rebuilt recently, the roof of the extended portion of the building is piled up with the debris & rubbish throw by their workers & tenants of Ramji Thakarji.



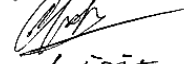

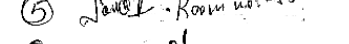
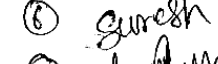


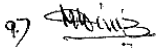

Alongside, the extended portion of the Govind Niwas building, over the years a poor sweeper (her husband died in August'06) & her children live. When they were rebuilding Govind Niwas, they damage this poor woman's zinc roof top. Before the rains she requested the building officials in charge & the contractor to replace her roof which they had damaged, but nothing was done. This poor family is living in knee deep rain water when it rains, especially during the heavy showers. Even out of pity for this family, who had recently lost their father, nothing has been done by the promoters or contractor; both the parties are only interested in saving their cash at the cost of this poor family's health. The mother & children are suffering from all health problems due to getting wet in the rains. They actually have to sleep on the pavement whenever it rains.

Is it possible to fine the promoters & contractor for this poor woman's plight and make them replace her zinc roof top with a complete new roof? If yes, kindly do the same. The BMC should help such poor people who are in dire need of help from the BMC.

We have many copies of letters written to the BMC 'C' Ward over the years but no action has been taken by them, they have told us on many occasions their hands are tied! The only way the Mumbai citizens will improve their bad habits, is for them to pay fine in cash for such bad habits.

Thanking you & awaiting your early action, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
TENANTS OF YUSUF BUILDING (ANNEXE)

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 - ④  R. V. - f. d. i. t.
 - ⑤  ~~Small Room nos. - 13~~
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