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**From:** [MD Kini](#)

**To:** [Karmayog.com](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2006 9:14 PM

**Subject:** Re: Do you want to join BMC Education Advisory Boards?

Dear Vinay,

Thank you very much for your offer to send my request to join the BMC Education Advisory Board in Andheri East to the Add.Municipal Commissioner Shri M.K.Srivastava. I am sending herewith my letter addressed to him.

Thanks once again,  
M.D.Kini

Shri M.K.Srivastava,  
Addl.Municipal Commissioner,  
BMC Annexe Bldg., 3rd Fl.,  
Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai - 400 001.

Dear Sir,

Sub : BMC Education Board.

First of all, I would like to thank BMC for setting up the Board and seek co-operation from the citizens. I am certain many problems that beset the city could be mitigated, if not eliminated, with the co-operation of its citizens.

I retired as the Economic and Commercial Adviser to the Consulate General of the Netherlands in Mumbai in 1999 and reside in Accord HCS in Dr.Charat Singh Colony in Andheri East. I would like to associate myself with BMC Education Board in this area. I believe I may be some help in this regard.

I remember when I was working as the Deputy Secretary of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Chamber had invited the then BMC commissioner for an interaction with the members. He told us that BMC spends about Rs.300/Rs.400 crore on education and still many schools did not have benches, black-boards etc. He appealed to industry to adopt schools. I, on behalf of the Chamber, had written to the members and only two members responded. One of them was Glaxco. I believe, BMC has to take the co-operation of industry and NGOs working near its school. This may help in improving the educational standard in BMC schools.

Just now, I am in USA with my son grandson, and will be back in Mumbai on 10th September. You can write to at the following address. I will contact you as soon I come

back.

By the way, I have been a journalist, economist and a public relations officer in my rather long career.

With regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
M.D.Kini

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Tel : 2839 9039.E-mail : [kinis68@gmail.com](mailto:kinis68@gmail.com)

On 7/19/06, [Karmayog.com](http://Karmayog.com) <[info@karmayog.com](mailto:info@karmayog.com)> wrote:

bmc does not work via email.  
if you email me, we will compile it with other requests.  
vinay

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**From:** [MD Kini](mailto:MD Kini)

**To:** [Karmayog.com](http://Karmayog.com)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006 7:51 PM

**Subject:** Re: Do you want to join BMC Education Advisory Boards?

Dear Vinay,

I am just now in USA and will be back Mumbai in September. I desire to join BMC Education Advisory Board in Andheri East. If you give me the e-mail address of Mr.Srivastava, I will send my request to him with a copy to you.

With regards,  
M.D.Kini  
[kinis68@gmail.com](mailto:kinis68@gmail.com)

On 7/19/06, [Karmayog.com](http://Karmayog.com) <[info@karmayog.com](mailto:info@karmayog.com)> wrote:

I meet Mr. Srivastava regarding this on Friday.  
If you have written to him, email me a copy. Pl post a hard copy to me also.  
If you have sent me a hard copy, then there is no need to do so again.  
If you have not written to him, but are interested, pl do so immediately.  
regards  
Vinay

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [MD Kini](mailto:MD Kini)

**To:** [karmayog.com](http://karmayog.com)

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 10:19 PM

**Subject:** Re: Do you want to join BMC Education Advisory Boards?

Dear Vinay,

I would be happy to join any advisory board in Andheri area where I live. I am just now out of India and would be back in September.

Mumbai is a part of Maharashtra and in the years to come more and more use Marathi would be adopted by the Government of Maharashtra and BMC. In such a situation, how Marathi can be excluded from education ? The language of instruction at least till 4th standard should be local language, if not the mother-tongue. Hindi and English could be introduced from 5th standard onwards. If BMC excludes Marathi, these students would have hard time in Mumbai or Maharashtra. Are we preparing all students to go abroad ?

I did my schooling in Karnatak and taught in Kannada till SSC. I had to change to English in the college. I did create some problems but they were not insurmountable. I had problems of language in Mumbai when dealing with BMC and GOM as my knowledge of Marathi was not adequate.

What BMC schools require is proper facilities and good teachers who have to be supervised by the parents and neighbourhood ngos. Neighbourhood companies should be encouraged to adopt schools and good teachers should be applauded. Teachers salaries should be increased. Mid-day meal scheme should be strengthened.

Let us not have rootless students who know more about UK/USA and not much about India and its people.

Thank you,  
M.D.Kini

On 6/30/06, [karmavog.com](http://karmavog.com) <[info@karmayog.com](mailto:info@karmayog.com)> wrote:

In a multi-crore Educational Quality Improvement Project drawn up by Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects) Manu Kumar Srivastava, the civic body has proposed to open 85 English-medium schools and has also suggested an extensive makeover for existing ones.

The project, which proposes a standardised look for the schools and is now in its final phase, could change the way the 1,234 schools run by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) are perceived. On the anvil are the construction of playgrounds, multi-lingual libraries, language labs, computer labs and multimedia classrooms.

These 85 English-medium schools will be opened in existing municipal school buildings across all the 24 wards with an average of three prominent schools per ward.

The project seeks to address three problem areas civic schools are plagued with, including dwindling enrolment in Marathi schools, poor quality of

education and decaying infrastructure.

"Today, even people from slums want their children to go to English-medium schools," said Srivastava. "If we don't open more schools, we in a way are discouraging parents from sending their kids to civic schools."

Presently, the BMC's 45 English-medium schools cater to approximately 20,000 children.

An independent and qualified advisory board comprising social activists and educationists would also be set up in each ward, to supervise the quality of education in the schools.

"The idea is to bring the civic schools on par with the private schools," said Srivastava. "We want to dispel the popular notion that civic schools mean poor quality of education and inferior infrastructure."

June 10, 2006 <http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=187296>

[If you wish to be on any of these 24 Advisory Boards, you may send your request to Shri M. K. Srivastava, Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects), BMC Annexe Building 3rd floor, Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai 400001. Tel: 22620251

Please include your detailed background, what value you believe you or the organisation you represent can bring in, and which Ward would you prefer.

The NGO Council will be following this matter to ensure that competent citizens and organisations get a chance to be involved.

So if you would like us to follow up on your behalf, please formally cc us in your letter. Our address is Vinay Somani, Convenor, NGO Council, C/o Karmayog, Shreeniwās House, 2nd floor, H. Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai 400001. Tel: 22000478.

Regards,  
Vinay  
[www.karmayog.org](http://www.karmayog.org) ]