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To,

Commissioner MCG,
Gurugram

Sub: Areas of Concern for providing speedy resolutions to Citizens of Gurugram including Urban & Rural Villagers

Dear Sirs,

Joint Action Forum of Residents Association Gurugram (JAFRA) is a citizen's welfare oriented registered association. JAFRA act as watch dog for administration with regard to problems concerning infrastructure, civil amenities, environment, health & hygiene & safety / security issues etc. In Gurgaon & civic amenities. We work in close coordination with administration to make living in Gurugram better every day.

JAFRA has a well-defined structure **Zonal heads** Task Force Committees. We liaise with administration in order to resolve common as well as specific day today issues of each RWA and Village falling in their **respective Zones in sync with MCG Zones**.

JAFRA has written repeatedly to the MCG about the woeful state of affairs of Gurgaon. Entire Gurgaon has been dug up and is **in perpetual state of work-in-progress**. Nothing seems to be nearing completion. **Sewers** are clogged and flow in reverse direction with slightest showers. It's a nightmarish condition for the residents. The stink and smell is most foul & unbearable.

There are large gaps in the **storm water drains** some of which were never connected. Contrarily, the MCG Spends, its precious funds each year in the name of cleaning and de-silting.

The repair and maintenance work on **pavements and footpaths** is a source of perennial waste of huge funds and resources. There appears to be **no planning or application** of mind **to prioritize** and address the glaring deficiencies. We see many footpaths, berms and dividers **in good condition being uprooted** to re-lay. Retrieved good tiles & cement block are taken away & material is re-used elsewhere by the contractor.

No one looks at the broken / damaged ones. The JE'S / SDO's must visit areas of their responsibility and initiate action on their own rather wait for citizens' complaints. *(Photos attached)*

Roads in old Guragon and sectors are in pathetic state, Water logged & full of pot holes causing risk to life. The Administration is blissful **under the guise of work in progress**. The examples are on Lt. Atul Katarya Road, Fawwara Chowk, Basai Road and almost all sector roads in Sector 9, Sector 10, Sector 23, Sector 4 etc. that is old Gurgaon; In fact, you can count every sector and colony of Gurgaon. (Photos attached). The MCG palms off its responsibility on GMDA saying "These roads are not under MCG. Whereas Lt. AK Road (Mata Road) should, by all logic be maintained by MCG.

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JAFRA in its letters to MCG and during the meeting on 4th June 2022 had raised all **these issues and many more**. No visual action seems to have been taken by any official.

We had pointed out and demanded that: **Display boards be placed at each construction/repair sites indicating the following:-**

- (i) Scope of work
- (ii) Cost of work
- (iii) Probable date of completion
- (iv) Details of supervising staff &
- (v) Particulars of contractors with their phone numbers.

This has not yet been implemented. This is the **biggest source of Corruption and Delay** in completion of the works. The General Public remains clueless and a mute spectator as to who is supervising & when is it likely to be completed.

In our recent JAFRA meeting the **Village Task Force Committee also attended**. We had over 35 representatives from most villages such as **Gaduli, Basai, Kadipur, Darbaripur, Islaampur, Naharpur, Kanhai, Fazilpur, Tikri, Nathupur** etc. They were the ex-counselors, ex-Sarpanches and Numberdars. They voiced unanimously their serious concerns with regard to **pathetic & horrible living condition in their villages** and lack of as basic amenities. :-

- (a) Land and funds of all villages were taken over when the MCG was formed in 2008. It is a sorry state of affairs that even after 14 years of taking over of village, They have **not been provided the basic amenities** such as (i)Sewer lines,(ii)Roads, (iii)Street lighting (Not even bulbs on poles)
- (b) In many cases the Lal Doras were not demarketed after 1857, 1956. Their **family sizes have grown and increased** with each generation (nearly 4 or 5 generations in past 75 years) There is **dire need** for expanding their dwellings for the family of sons and sub families, (grand /great grandchildren). Families who constructed expanded their own dwellings in their own land outside the lal dora on their farm lands. Are now being **threatened of demolition or acquisition**. Alternatively all those whose lands were acquired be given plots on concessional rates.
- (c) The villagers are even being forced to pay house tax. In Delhi, no family was compelled to pay house tax on their own buildings **if not used for commercial purposes**.
- (d) Large-scale **corruptions** at lower levels is **rampant** for preparing blueprints of house extension/construction or calling them unauthorised. It is not very easy or simple for villagers to do complicated paper work of making house drawings (Blue Prints) & getting them approved. The concerned JE could visit the villages & approve these on the spot or MCG could find a simpler method.

Condition of Roads

In villages like **Basai and almost all villages & towns**, the roads are perpetually submerged **under Sewer** water, overflowing on the streets and roads and mixes up with the rainwater.

In village Basai an annual contract of Rs. 57 lakhs to “Sant Kripa” is being paid to clear the sewer lines/drains annually. It is an utter waste of Financial Resources with no fruitful outcome or respite from the menace.

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In another case in Basai a tender Rs. 29 lakhs is being paid to (Mr. Naveen Tyagi) remove only rainwater from the water logged roads for just two months. The contractor has not yet placed a single pump to drain out the water and the roads are overflowing.

Community Centres

There are no **community centers or public place** wherein the villagers can organize **family events or functions** or get together, Deprived of an essential & common practice in village chaupals to sit & relax. They have been left high & dry with no places or resources to construct such community halls for pass time or family functions like wedding etc.

Misuse of Community Centres

Though Community Centre has been made in village Kadipur, it has been **allotted to & occupied by Tehsil**. Thus not available to villagers for their family functions.

Community Centre's have been given or occupied by Counselors (Parshads) or Govt. offices eg. Sec-42, Sec-4, sector 10A and many other sectors. In Sec-42 entire community Centre building has been **occupied by Zone 3 MCG Offices**. This has become a common practice & high headed ness of the Govt.

For Lal Dora

A workable policy on Lal Dora be formulated as soon as possible to ease the lives of villagers & get a survey ordered to look into the expanding family sizes in consultation with each village

Quality of Life in Gurgaon

The quality of living conditions in Gurgaon are going from bad to worse with no **official ever being held accountable for lapses and delays**. There is no system of continuity between incoming and outgoing officials. The Road cleaning & Garbage lifting/Disposal are an eye wash. Again waste of money because of poor supervision & no accountability of officials.

After surrender of their funds in crores the villages had expected these basic amenities.

The entire system reeks of high level corruption in all these perennial works and tenders. MCG at this rate would be bank corrupt soon.

JAFRA therefore requests you to form a high level committee including experts from each departments and make out action plans for making things smoother and resolving problems of citizens of Gurugram & villages subsumed by MCG.

JAFRA will be happy to render all possible support.

A reply on actions contemplated to be taken by each department may please be shared with us as soon as possible.

Thank you,



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Dated: 4th July 2022

CC-

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Jt. Commissioners all 4 Zones.