

From Editors Desk

AN EVENING WITH KNOWLEDGE 29TH JAN 2013

BEING THIS THE FIRST EDITION OF THE YEAR 2013 LET ME WISH ALL MY FELLOW MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY AND A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

PEATA (I) ORGANISED THE FIRST EVENT OF YEAR 2013 "AN EVENING WITH KNOWLEDGE" ON 29TH JAN 2013 AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE 1) MISUSE OF RTI ACT 2) NEW TAXATION SYSTEM IN MUMBAI 3) MIS-CONDUCT OF ARCHITECT

PRESIDENT SHRI SHIRISH SUKHATME IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE WELL ATTENDED CROWD INFORMED THE IMPORTANCE OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ASKED THE SPECIALISTS IN ALL THE SUBJECTS TO EXPLAIN AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE TO THE AUGUST AUDIENCE.

NOTED R.T.I ACTIVIST **SHRI SHAILESH GANDH & DHEERAJ RAMBHIA** IN THEIR ADDRESS EXPLAINED THE PROS AND CONS OF RTI IN PRESENT SYSTEM. THEY HAD TO FACE SOME TOUGH QUESTION FROM THE LEARNED AUDIENCE REGARDING COPYRIGHT ISSUE AND HINDRANCE IN APPROVAL FROM PROFESSIONAL RTI COMPLAINANTS.

NEW TAXATION SYSTEM IE CAPITAL VALUE BASED SYSTEM WAS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL BY **JT MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER SHRI S.S.SHINDE**. THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY THE MCGM AUTHORITIES WAS INFORMATIVE AND LOTS OF QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED ON THE NEW TAXATION SYSTEM

SHRI RAJIV MISHRA EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PRINCIPAL OF SIR JJ COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE IN HIS SPEECH INFORMED THE AUDIENCE ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL AND GAVE IN HIS SUGGESTION ON CONDUCT AND PRACTICE IN ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION BY CITING VARIOUS EXAMPLES.

AN EVENING WITH KNOWLEDGE TRULY WAS A SEMINAR THAT HAS ADDED ONE MORE FEATHER IN ACHIEVEMENTS OF PEATA (I)

ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE ENEWS TEAM I CONGRATULATE THE **PRESIDENT SHIRISH SUKHATME AND JT SECRETARY EESHAN VAIDYA** FOR ORGANISING THE EVENT WHICH WAS NEED OF THE HOUR.



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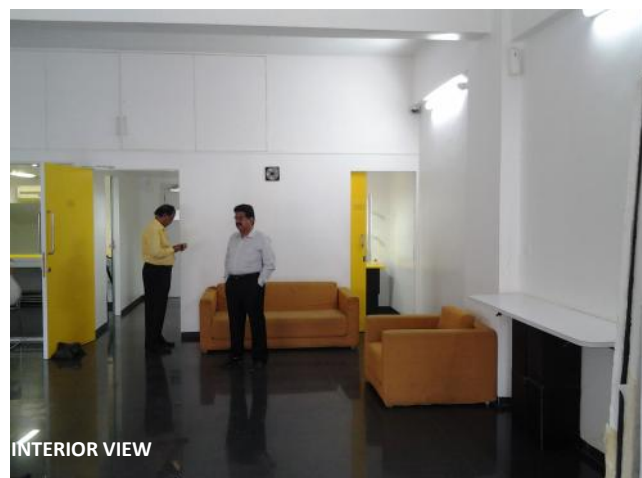
People in picture-Jt. Commissioner shri. S S Shinde, RTI Activist shri. Shailesh Gandhi, Prncipal Rajiv Mishra, President PEATA (I) Shirish sukhatme, IPP, Pravin Kanekar, Vice President Manoj Dubal, Hon. secretary. Uday Warty, Shri Kalkoti (MCGM) , RTI Activist Dheeraj Rambhiya, Past President Manoj Daisaria, Jt. secretary . Ishan Vaidya, Editor Semir Hingoo, Ratan Bhalwankar, Suyog sheth. and Members of PEATA (I)

NEW OFFICE PREMISES AT MAHIM .

ARCHITECT SHRI RATAN BHALWANKAR PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL FOR NEW OFFICE SPACE BEING PLANNED TO BE PURCHASED BY PEATA (I). IN THE SPECIAL AGM ON 29TH JAN 2013. HIS PRESENTATION GAVE AN INDEPTH ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON BETWEEN THE PRESENT OFFICE AND THE NEW OFFICE UNDER CONSIDERATION .. THE NEW OFFICE IS JUST ACROSS MAHIM STATION AND IS AROUND 1175.00 SFT.

DISCUSSION OF THE NEED TO BUY NEW OFFICE PREMISES WAS DEBATED IN LENGTH BY PAST PRESIDENTS SHRI SUDHAKAR DHOKANE , SHRI JAYANT VAIDYA, AND SHRI MANOJ DAISARIA.

WITH SOME CLARIFICATIONS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT SHRI SHIRISH SUKHATME AND IPP SHRI PRAVIN KANEKAR THE PROPOSAL TO BUY NEW OFFICE PREMISES WAS ACCEPTED.BY SPECIAL GENERAL BODY





INTRODUCTION OF E-OFFICE SYSTEM FOR BUILDING PROPOSAL APPROVAL .

PRESIDENT SHRI SHIRISH SUKHATME IN HIS LETTER TO MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER APPRAISED VARIOUS DEFICIENCY AND DIFFICULTIES ARCHITECTS MIGHT HAVE TO FACE IF E-OFFICE SYSTEM IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS INTRODUCED IN ZONAL OFFICE...BELOW IS THE LETTER BY THE PRESIDENT TO MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

To,
The Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai,
Mahanagarpalika,
Mumbai – 400 001

SUB : Introduction of E-Office system for Building Proposal Approvals .

Ref : Meeting with Municipal Commissioner Chamber On 21st Jan 2013 at 4.00 P.M.

Respected Sir,

PEATA (I) is welcoming the Hon. Municipal Commissioner's idea to provide E-Office system in Building Proposal Department. As further agreed by Hon. Municipal Commissioner, Architects and Licensed Surveyors would be provided login I.D. which would enable to submit the proposal / documents electronically 24 X 7.

As per request for PEATA (I) the demonstration of the new E-Office system was given by M/s. Soft Tech on 25th Jan 2013 and our suggestions for improvisation of the E-Office system is as under:-

Following are the some of the vital issues needed to be addressed before implementation.

- 1) Login I.D. shall be provided to Practicing Architects and license surveyors.
- 2) Provision of Rotary scanner, to scan, large documents and drawings like D.P. Plans, CTS Plans etc. shall be made in Building Proposal Department.

Scanning of the documents is likely to be a bottleneck. MCGM does not have sufficient scanning facility in house or trained personnel to man the scanner. Architects/ LS can scan the documents in their offices, but uploading the heavy files shall be a problem, with present speed of internet available practically.

- 3) Connection of Central server shall be established to connect H.O. with other Zonal officer.
With scanning of all the documents, the bandwidth required for uploading of the documents either from remote locations or inhouse and storage can become a bottleneck and needs to be addressed before launching of the software.
- 4) Software has to pass trial run of typical Building Proposal file before implementation.
- 5) List of I.O.D. conditions is not correct in the software and needs to be verified by PEATA (I).
- 6) The list of mandatory documents that were displayed in the presentation were very exhaustive and many of the documents are irrelevant in most of the cases. This list needs to be carefully vetted by MCGM as well as PEATA (I) to avoid avoidable confusion.
- 7) Draft approval procedure required to be deleted from software. The approval granted should be treated as final approval.
- 8) Software is not capable of accepting E- payments.

- 9) There is no provision in the software to append the information like R.L., Nalla, Road widening etc, from Survey department.
- 10) The Software is not sensitive to powers of each officer and there is risk of every officer scrutinizing the plans at every stage.
- 11) Software is not adequately designed to address the situation like If Sub-Engineer or any officer is on leave OR if the Scanners, Servers or P.C.'s do not work.
- 12) The Software system is not sensitive to withdraw of stop work notice, show cause notice etc.
- 13) It is not clear as to which web browser and which version is required to be used. During presentation Internet Explorer was used. Soft tech did not address the issue of whether any other browser like chrome or firefox etc can also be used. This also needs to be spelled out clearly.
- 14) All the communication to the Architects/ LS from MCGM should be by auto generated mail and intimation by auto generated SMS. Formats for routine communications like FP/ approvals/ warning letters/ notices etc need to be formulated carefully by consensus.
- 15) Soft tech is not interested in tailor-making the software for MCGM. They are handing over the same readymade software to MCGM. This software is not the most suitable for MCGM and it's peculiar working conditions and separate D.C. Regulations viz. 33 (7), 33 (9), 33 (10) etc..
- 16) Status of the approval at various stages to be incorporated in the software so that it can be tracked by the user.
- 17) Facility to attach the documents required to be submitted by the Architects /L.S. should be incorporated in the software.

18) TDR approval / loading facility to be incorporated in the software along with auto generated letter to the Architect / L.S. for the purchase of TDR.

19) C.C. endorsement to be added in the software.

20) Demand note for the payment is not updated as per the present requirements i.e. fungible F.S.I., additional FSI as per modified DCR 32 etc. The same should be updated in the software.

Sir, we therefore request you to please instruct the concerned software engineer to do these improvisations before implementation so as to avoid road block in the implementation of E-Office system.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
FOR PEATA (I)

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