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Date: Sun, May 8, 2022 at 5:43 PM

Subject: FAMC to all concerned wrt ATDC: announcement for unauthorised buildings - response

To: ATDC Auroville Town Development Council <avenir@auroville.org.in>, Working Committee <workingcom@auroville.org.in>, Auroville Council <avcouncil@auroville.org.in>

Cc: famc <famc@auroville.org.in>, RAS - Residents Assembly Service Auroville <raservice@auroville.org.in>

To all concerned, especially ATDC,

We second what has been expressed by Suhasini in her email (below) and would like answers to each question raised.

We also request the ATDC to desist from issuing statements, taking actions and making any regulations that are not in the line of the ruling of the NGT.

Regards,

FAMC

(members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)

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Subject: Fwd: ATDC: Announcement for unauthorised buildings

Date: Sun, 8 May 2022 12:56:08 +0530

From: Suhasini Ayer <suhasini@auroville.org.in>

To: avenir <avenir@auroville.org.in>

Dear ATDC,

Your mass bulletin regarding unauthorized buildings to the Aurovilians is not self-explanatory. Therefore, I am obliged to ask clarification.

1- Issuing an NOC with rubber stamp and signature based on an application form provided by the planning body is a practice that was initiated only in 2009-10. Before building approval was implied when a notice was published in the Auroville news and / or a verbal approval by the group that was overseeing the planning office with a short typed out note if it was required by a funding agency. Therefore, could the ATDC please specify what do they consider the valid documentation for establishing an approved building permission for structures built from 1968 to 2009?

2- As per the Auroville foundation act all assets created on lands owned by the Auroville are deemed to be the property of the foundation. Therefore, a register of assets would be

maintained by the foundation. We request the ATDC to publish the list of building assets to the residents to enable them to be informed on the status of buildings that are stewarded by them.

To address another point in your mail - as per the ruling of the NGT – Original Application No. 239 of 2021 (SZ) - Date of Judgment: 28th April 2022 –

Ref to Section 125 (i) - The ATDC or any other body is directed to prepare a “proper Township plan” with details including phasing for EC. And till such time the court instructs not to proceed with further construction in the project area.

Therefore, on-going developments that have already obtained an NOC issued by the ATDC pre-dating 28th april'22 are exempt from this ruling. If the ATDC is contesting this point, please provide the legal ruling from the relevant authority to justify your understanding.

Ref to Section 125 (ii – d) - “Till that exercise is completed, the 1st Respondent is directed not to cut any further trees from the property. The 1st Respondent is at liberty to undertake the crown road work in the remaining stretches where there are no trees. The 1st Respondent is also at liberty to take action against unauthorized occupations, if any, strictly in accordance with the law in force.”

The above clearly states that actions against “unauthorized occupations” is to be strictly limited to crown corridor where there are no trees. Thus the 3rd point in your mass bulletin “If you are living in a building that has authorization but falls on a right-of-way or a Line of Force, you will receive an email from L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC regarding relocation to a different Auroville asset before arrangements are made for the removal of the asset.” is in violation of the court ruling section 125 (ii – d).

I therefore request the ATDC to desist from issuing statements, taking actions and making any regulations that are not in the line of the ruling of the NGT.

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Subject: ATDC: Announcement for unauthorised buildings  
Date: Fri, 6 May 2022 12:55:53 +0530  
From: massbulletin <massbulletin@auroville.org.in>  
To: massbulletin <massbulletin@auroville.org.in>  
CC: Avenir d'Auroville <avenir@auroville.org.in>

- if you need to respond, pls reply to [avenir@](mailto:avenir@auroville.org.in)

L'avenir d'Auroville/Auroville Town Development Council hereby informs all residents that all unauthorised constructions in Auroville will need to be removed or repurposed until a renovation or removal, partial or full, is necessary.

If you're living in an asset that has no NOC, it is likely that you will soon receive an email from the ATDC regarding your situation.

If you are living in a building that has authorisation but falls on a right-of-way or a Line of Force, you will receive an email from L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC regarding relocation to a different Auroville asset before arrangements are made for the removal of the asset.

Best regards,

**L'avenir d'Auroville (ATDC)**