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Officer on Special Duty



*Dear Working Committee*

6 May 2022

As directed by Chairman and Governing Board, over the past several months, the Governing Board has been receiving many letters and emails from concerned residents of Auroville and devotees of Mother and Sri Aurobindo regarding the alarming situation in Auroville with regards to a complete dysfunctional state of affairs with the many committees of the Resident's Assembly; such as with the working groups of Working Committee, FAMC, Auroville Council etc, the innate complicated processes and procedures have led to a complete policy paralysis at the moment. The current system of inaccurate and non-transparent modalities of the election and selection of the members to these groups has led to ongoing logjam.

As per the Act. Section 18. (1) "The Residents Assembly shall consist of all the residents of Auroville who are for the time being entered in the register of residents maintained under this section".

Several questions were raised by the Governing Board to the Working Committee in regard to the functioning of the Residents Assembly and the Register of Residents. The response received is incomplete and not satisfactory.

In order to help overcome this dire situation the Governing Board directs the Residents Assembly to pause any decisions taken by the Resident Assembly before the updation of the Register of Residents; all current ongoing activities such as with the RAD (Residents Assembly's decision-making processes) are to be stopped with immediate effect until the Register of Residents (RoR) has been fully updated on an urgent basis. Any such decision taken before updating the Register of Residents will be invalid, null and void. Once this update is complete and verified, the Working Committee may proceed to assist the Residents Assembly to continue its community processes that rely on the attendance of its residents.

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As it stands today, there are incongruent and incomplete information noted and available for the residents:

1. An application Agreement – (to be signed by all applicants May 18, 2020)  
<https://auroville.org/contents/4458>)
2. FORM-I [See regulation 9 (ii) and 10(ii)]
3. FORM-B Application for registration

The information in the register of residents has not been updated since 2005 and thus currently contains inaccurate and unverifiable information as reference source for the attendance register leading to concerns of valid outcomes.

The Residents are, therefore, directed to immediately update their information sheets as attached to this mail. This may be done through a hard copy or also filled on line using [this link](#).

The members of the Working Committee and the Residents Assembly Service are requested to kindly expedite this process and ensure that the data fields related to all the Residents of Auroville are entered and submitted to the Office of Secretary, Auroville Foundation at the earliest, latest by June 10th, 2022.

In its communication, the Governing Board has directed the office of the Secretary to immediately request the Working Committee of the Auroville Foundation to begin with the updation of the Register of Residents with complete information of all residents in a timely manner. It has also directed the Secretariat office to update this register annually to keep it current and available for prompt and accurate access for the Auroville Residents' Assembly and any other office of the Government.

Thanking you,



(G. Seetharaman)  
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