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To
H.E. the Governor
Telangana State
Hyderabad

Respected Madam,

Sub : GHMC – Constitution of Ward Committees –
request to direct Government to take steps to
constitute Ward Committees in GHMC – Reg.

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Article 243 – S of Constitution of India provides for constitution of Ward Committees in every Municipal / Corporation Ward. Ward Committees consisting of local residents is a grass roots level organization which meets regularly, discuss civic issues pertaining to their locality (Ward) and prepare action plan for implementation. Ward Committee helps in proper maintenance of sanitation and drainage works, minor repairs of roads, maintenance of markets, parks and play grounds, implementation of poverty alleviation programmes, facilitates in collection of taxes, assists in the implementation of all Government schemes. It Act as a watch dog in corruption free execution of works. In a way the Ward Committee members have a voice in decision-making either directly or through legitimate intermediate institutions that represent their interest.

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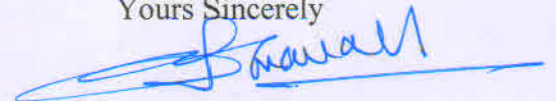
Elections to GHMC were held a year back and constitution of Ward Committees should have followed. Forum for Good Governance requested Commissioner GHMC to take up Constitution of Ward Committees, he informed us that in March 2021, itself he has submitted draft rules for constitution, conduct of meetings, powers and functions of Ward Committees and submitted them to Government for approval. Since the Commissioner has examined all aspects, the draft rules should have been approved by Government in a week or two. But MA&UD department is not able to appreciate the importance of Ward Committees. They may be having an apprehension that Ward Committees, if constituted may expose the irregularities that are taking place at ward level.

Prl. Secretary MA&UD when asked to expedite the approval to the draft rules of Ward Committees sent by Commissioner GHMC, the reply given is that "It is not possible to provide information at this juncture, as and when the draft rules are finalized it will be informed.

We have a reason to believe that MA&UD department, Government of Telangana is not serious about constitution of Ward Committees. Virtually they are just sitting on the report of Commissioner, GHMC for more than 9 months.

Constitution of Ward Committees is a constitutional obligation H.E. the Governor is therefore, requested to kindly direct the Prl. Secretary, MA&UD to expedite approval of draft rules sent by Commissioner, GHMC to facilitate constitution of Ward Committees.

Yours Sincerely



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Secretary
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Encl : Two letters

Copy to Commissioner, GHMC

Prl. Secretary to Government, MA&UD department