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The Commissioner,
Agra Division, Agra

Sub.: Development of greenery on the reclaimed site of Taj Heritage Corridor at Agra in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dt. 13.2.2006.

Sir,

Heartily Greetings,

May we submit as under:–

1. That on 5.12.2005 (in WP No. 13381 of 1984), the Hon'ble Supreme Court appointed an expert committee to suggest the treatment to the reclaimed area of 20 hectares (Component-A lying between the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort) and 6 hectares (lying on the left bank of Yamuna between the Ram Bagh and opposite Agra Fort).
2. That the Committee recommended the entire reclaimed area to be converted into Green Area (Report February, 2006 : Annexure-A) and highlighted several major environmental benefits. The cost of the eco-restoration of the site was estimated by the Committee to be about Rs. 42.5 crores (including managing *Mantola* drain and the second drain, close to the Taj).
3. That the Hon'ble Supreme Court accepted the above Report on 13.2.2006 (Annexure-B) and mandated for its implementation with the responsibility to oversee it to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). But, no implementation has so far been made. Instead, the ASI, in its affidavit, filed in the Supreme Court has suggested the implementation of the order by the Ministry of Environment & Forest (Annexure-C). However, the issue remains pending and the order dt. 13.2.2006 could not be implemented so far.
4. That the reclaimed areas of the site are lying barren, proving an eyesore to the foreign and domestic tourists visiting Agra Fort and Taj Mahal. Notably, the reclaimed areas are strategically located and once they are developed as green areas, they would attract lacs of tourists visiting Agra.

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5. That the State Government is also keen for development of greenery on the reclaimed area.

We would, therefore, request you to please issue necessary instructions to the Agra Development Authority for moving the necessary I.A. in the Hon'ble Supreme Court for further directions of execution of the work of greenery in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dt. 13.2.2006. We also request that the project may be directed to be prepared in coordination with all the concerned Departments, which may be placed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court alongwith the I.A.

With regards,

For Agra Development Foundation

(KC Jain)

Secretary

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President

Encl.: As above.