

PRESS NOTE

‘PMRDA’ Structural Plan Gains Momentum; All Government Departments Directed to Submit Plans Within Eight Days!

- Metropolitan Commissioner directs heads of departments to provide verified information on approved, existing and proposed projects

Pune: The work on the **Draft Structural Plan** being prepared for the planned and sustainable development of the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) area has now gained momentum. To make the plan more comprehensive, all concerned government departments have been directed to submit accurate information and their plans for the next 20 years within the next eight days. The information should include details of approved, existing and proposed projects, directed Dr Abhijeet Chaudhari, Metropolitan Commissioner, PMRDA, on Tuesday (September 1).

A coordination meeting of heads of various government departments was held under the chairmanship of Dr Chaudhari at the PMRDA headquarters in Akurdi. Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulekshmi, Director of Development Permission Avinash Patil, Metropolitan Planner Smita Kalkutki, Deputy Metropolitan Planner Saurabh Patil, along with officials from the Zilla Parishad, municipal corporations, police, MIDC, Water Resources Department, Public Works Department, Tourism Department, Mahatransco, Pune Metro, PMPML and the Road Development Corporation, were present at the meeting.

A presentation on the framework of the Structural Plan was made during the meeting. Following an in-depth discussion on coordination among various departments and technical aspects, the Metropolitan Commissioner issued clear instructions regarding data collection.

“Information received from various departments is the core of the planning process. Therefore, the respective heads of departments must personally verify and authenticate the information before submitting it, so that there are no discrepancies in future planning,” Dr Chaudhari said.

Appointment of Nodal Officers

Dr Chaudhari also directed every department to immediately appoint a **Nodal Officer** to ensure that there is no leakage or unauthorised intervention in the process of information collection. To prevent data from being collected by unauthorised persons, all correspondence and information exchange (data sharing) will be carried out only through authorised channels and designated officers.

Keeping in mind the long-term requirements of the next 20 years, all government agencies are expected to submit proposals for their respective projects and land requirements within the stipulated timeframe.

PMRDA is focusing on expediting the plan through coordinated efforts among all concerned government agencies. The PMRDA administration has appealed to all departments to submit the required information to the **Planning Department, PMRDA**, at the earliest.

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