

July 21, 2016

To,

Hon'ble Shri. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala  
Governor of Karnataka  
Raj Bhavan  
Raj Bhavan Road,  
Bangalore – 560001

**Subject: Earnest plea to reject or send the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2016 back to the legislature for a more studied discussion on its contents.**

**Reference: Bill passed by Karnataka State Legislative house on July 19, 2016**

Hon'ble His Excellency,

Greetings from B.PAC !

We, at the Bangalore Political Action Committee(B.PAC) have been alarmed at the manner in which the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities Bill, 2016 has been passed by Karnataka state legislature without any discussion or debate on its contents. The impugned Bill consists of provisions which will drastically alter the landscape of tier-two cities in the state and adversely affect the quality of life of their residents. Taking such a step without consulting with the public and even bypassing any discussion on the matter in the legislature is a betrayal of the public's trust. We are writing to you to draw your attention to the anti-citizen provisions in the Amendment Bill and request your immediate intervention on preventing these provisions from becoming a law.

**The proposed amendment to Section 16 of the existing Karnataka Urban Development Authorities Act, 1987 will reduce the reserved space for parks and playgrounds in newly proposed layouts from 15% to 10% and for civic amenities from 10% to 5% of the total area of the layout.**

Sir, we strongly believe that the reduction of public spaces available for recreation to citizens and those provided for civic amenities is not a step that can be claimed to be in the interests of the citizenry.

As residents of the state of Karnataka, we have borne silent witness to a consistent shrinking of the green spaces and public spaces in our cities over the last two decades. But we would now like to raise our collective voices against the government's move to reduce the spaces reserved for public parks, playgrounds and civic amenities.

In furtherance of our condemnation of this Bill, we implore you to take note of abovementioned sections of the Bill and reject or send the Bill back to the house for a more studied discussion on it.



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Your decision to protect the quality of life of Karnataka's urban citizens will go a long way in reaffirming the common man's faith in the governance structures.

Looking forward to a positive response from your good office.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully,

-Sd-

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Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru