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To,

Shri. K. Siddaramaiah,

Honorable Chief Minister,

Govt of Karnataka,

Vidhana Soudha,

Bangalore 560001

Sub: Plan of Action to mitigate scarcity of drinking water in Bengaluru City

Dear Shri. Siddaramaiah,

We trust this letter finds you in the best of health.

Sir, We are very worried about the impact of a disastrous monsoon on the citizens of our State in general and Bengaluru in particular. We request you to urgently set up a Crisis Management Group, attached to your office with a Principal Secretary as its head, to oversee relief operations across the State. The spate of suicides by farmers is very distressing and a call to all of us to help our fellow citizens.

Bengaluru City too will be facing a water crisis in the next few months. We are informed that the KRS dam has only 26 TMC of water, insufficient to meet the needs of Bangalore till the next monsoon. Bangalore alone will need 15 TMC of water till the next monsoon. We will probably experience the worst water crisis in the history of Bengaluru in the near future.

As a city with 1 crore people, 1/6 of the state population, urgent steps are needed to conserve water, ensure equitable distribution, prevent theft, pilferage and violence and overall manage the situation till the next monsoon. We request you to set up a Water Management Group under the Chief Secretary to come out with a crisis management plan, take measures for this purpose and communicate with citizens and prepare them for a bad year.

Sir, urgent action is called for and we request you to address this issue squarely right now and communicate to citizens your action plan to manage the bad situation.

Anticipating a positive response from your office.

Thanking you,

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Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
President

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T.V Mohandas Pai
Vice President

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Revathy Ashok
Chief Executive Officer

CC:

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