



Citizens' Charter Of Demands

We, members of AGNI, Joint Area Action Groups, a network of many NGOs, ALMS, Organizations & active citizens in Mumbai.
Believe that you and all elected representatives must:

Resist any effort to disrupt House Proceedings

Shouting and violence prevents serious and constructive debate and articulation of the felt needs of the citizens and erodes Parliamentary Democracy.

Fight for openness and transparency

Citizens have learnt that secrecy feeds corruption.

Shun corrupt practices

Put the electorate above yourself, your family or your party.

Resist all efforts to cause defections & party splits

Respect voters' intentions and your own integrity.

Enact laws to bring about Electoral Reforms

including plugging loopholes in Anti defection laws & empowering citizens by introducing "Right To Recall"

Declare your assets & income every year hereafter

Prove that your hands are clean. You'd be respected and would do better work.

Commit yourself to at least one project or action

You can benefit your constituency, or all of Mumbai, choosing something Specific for your constituency.

In general
act and vote for

- *greater transparency, public consultation and participation
- *fighting corruption: less red tape and "discretionary powers"
 - *more goods and services, independent vigilance cells,
 - *no interference in functioning of enforcement agencies,
- *strict law enforcement, speedy justice and punishment of criminals



Vote for Mumbai's REVITALISATION

(1) ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

- ***Enact & Implement laws to reduce pollution :***
Enforce European Union standards for petrol, diesel & CNG vehicles manufacturing with heavy penalty of non-adherence. Encourage use of CNG & Electric vehicles and discontinue old vehicles more than 15 years which pollute the environment.
- ***Implement the Supreme Court ruling on vehicle emissions,*** they account for over 60% of actual aerial pollution. Mumbai is amongst the most polluted cities in the country.
- ***Regulate pollution caused by construction activities***
Regulate pollution caused due to construction of buildings, roads, fly overs, metro work & enact laws for strict action wherever deficiencies are observed including those from Govt. agencies / authorities.
- ***Constitute a separate Authority to coordinate all public works & preserve Mumbai's "lungs" – its green areas, beaches and hills.*** Ensure vacant land of the Govt or MMRDA is converted to Public Recreation land instead of handing it to builders.
- ***Release Central Govt Land to State :***
 - Settle the five-decade old litigation by dividing the salt pan lands in Mumbai 50:50 between the Central and State Governments and develop the lands solely as recreational open space.
 - Develop the lands in Mumbai Port Authority for public amenities such as hospitals, recreation grounds, roads and electric substations.

(2) HEALTH AND EDUCATION

- ***Increase the allocation of the central budget to*** Support primary and preventive health, elementary and vocational education.
- Propose & push the Central Govt. to build AIIMS hospital with modern equipments for Mumbai citizens. Also support the State Govt. to establish health care centres with adequate staff and equipments.
- Enforce Drug Control regulations strictly to ensure high standards for manufacture of drugs & medical equipment. Support for availability of regulated and cheap medicines.



(3) HOUSING

- ***Support a policy to create satellite townships*** in adjoining areas like Palghar, Kalyan, New Panvel & Nashik to ease the stress of housing in Mumbai.
- ***Vote for slum Re-development*** approaches which foster self-help and offer basic amenities, not just empty dreams of free housing. Provide for slum rehabilitation on lands held by Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings.

(4) LAW ENFORCEMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

- Enact new laws and regulations for the courtroom- where justice is often delayed and too many culprits get off lightly, under outdated laws.
- Legislate/regulate an end to political interference in administration in general and central agencies in particular, especially transfers, postings, promotions, disciplinary actions.

(5) TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Set up a single and unified Metropolitan Transport Authority for Mumbai.**
The railways, municipality, state government, and port Trust are a few of numerous bodies that are often at odds with each other and lack of coordination leads to delay & faulty work. (Gokhale Bridge at Andheri for instance).
- **Set up a Regulatory Authority for power and water** to set rates which are fair to customers and providers of services.
- **Plan & set up an Authority for promotion & use of Water Transport**
Explore, encourage & implement Water Transport in and around Mumbai coasts for cheap & efficient means of transport.

FINALLY,

Consult citizens in your constituencies on how you should spend MP funds
Spend it all, but in an open, transparent way.

Date:

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