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Shri Prithviraj Chavan,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya,
Mumbai.

Subject: Abolishment of cutoff date of 1995 for water supply to various slums in the city of Mumbai.

Dear *Sir,*

In the city of Mumbai more than 50 % of the population reside in slums.

As per a GR of the Government of Maharashtra the criteria for supply of water to the various slums is 1995 i.e. the slum residents must be registered voters in the 1995 electoral list.

It has been observed that in various slums of the city and suburbs of Mumbai we have failed to provide the slum dwellers the basic fundamental right to clean portable water.

In ability to provide safe drinking water to the slum dwellers has resulted in illegal water connections resulting in huge losses of revenue to the Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

Water Mafia are blatantly operating and exploiting the slum dwellers charging exorbitant amounts for the supply of water.

These numerous and ever increasing illegal water connections have been known to result in huge water contamination leading to various health hazards. The BMC has to regularly and repeatedly change the water main lines in order to keep in check the contamination. These are incurring large sums on maintenance.



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Similar to the Electricity Act as a basic fundamental right, electricity is provided to all citizens; the Government should pass a law to supply safe drinking water to each and every citizen not taking into account any cutoff date.

In doing so all the existing illegal connections would eventually become legal and more streamlined with little or no burden on the water supply chain of the BMC.

More so it would also result increased revenue to the corporation.

Hence I would like to propose that the Government of Maharashtra should pass a law that all slums in the city and suburbs will be granted official water connections irrespective of the 1995 cutoff.

Kindly look into the matter urgently.

With warm regards,

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