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If your association has received a show cause notice from KSPCB threatening to disconnect power & water for failing to install an STP retrospectively and have been called for a personal hearing, do read this note carefully. **Actually, you should read this even if you have not been impacted or not received a notice, as this shows the levels of harassment that law-abiding and socially responsible apartment residents are being subjected to!**

The BAF Governing Council has met the Chairman of KSPCB and submitted a representation, reiterating the key points around impracticality & irrelevance of retrospective STPs. We understand that the hearings are an opportunity for them to understand the viewpoint of apartments. So, it's a great opportunity for apartments attending the hearing to reiterate the points so that the message goes through. A summary of the points is as follows (people can convey to KSPCB during the personal hearings, along these lines):

1. Apartments connected to the underground sewage network (UGD) operated by BWSSB, are not polluting the lakes
2. Apartments have been paying huge amounts monthly to BWSSB for maintaining UGD & STPs
3. Apartments cannot reduce the load on the UGD as we let out a miniscule amount of overall sewage in the UGD (Govt's affidavit which has been signed by BWSSB & KSPCB, clearly states that 13.66 MLD out of 480 MLD in Bellandur ~ only 2.8% is from apartments)
4. Hundreds of retrospective STPs will not make a difference to lake pollution or load on UGD
5. Retrospective STP implementation is impractical in quite a few cases due to space constraints (a case study done by Dr. Ananth Kodavasal on KV Meadows Apartment, demonstrates the same)
6. Retrospective STP implementation is impractical in most other cases due to impact on structural stability (a case study done by Mr. B.N. Nagaraja on 3 apartments – Sangeetha Apartments, Shashikiran Apartments & Jayanthi Apartments, demonstrates the same)
7. Retrospective STP implementation in hundreds of apartments will be detrimental to the environment (an opinion by Dr. Ananth Kodavasal articulates the same)
8. Simple solution is for BWSSB to set up STPs at end points of UGD. And if they have promised to set it up, they need to add only a nominally incremental capacity since apartments contribute a miniscule portion of the city's sewage into the UGD, with almost 98% coming from individual houses and smaller buildings.

The following set of supporting documents can be downloaded by clicking on the respective links, which can be presented by you during the hearings with KSPCB:

1. [Draft Response to the show cause notice from KSPCB](#)
2. [Space Infeasibility Report](#) (A case study done on a member of BAF, KV Meadows, which demonstrates space infeasibility in certain apartments)
3. [Structural Instability Report](#) (A case study done on 3 members of BAF, Sangeetha Apartments, Shashikiran Apartments & Jayanthi Apartments, which demonstrates that the building structure could become unstable if an STP is installed retrospectively)
4. [Opinion provided by Dr. Ananth Kodavasal, on the potential environmental disaster due to hundreds of retrospective STPs](#)
5. [Affidavit submitted by the GoK](#), together with agencies like KSPCB & BWSSB, to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, which clearly shows that apartments contribute a miniscule amount of sewage into the sewage network operated by BWSSB with most of the sewage coming from individual houses
6. [Summary of the Government Affidavit prepared by BAF](#)

Regards,

Team BAF