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Dear

*My dear Gurdas -*

This has reference to your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding Navi Mumbai Airport and reconstruction and redevelopment of colonies/slums in Mumbai city affected by Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) regulations. *we have since spoken on both these issues.*

2. The proposal of Navi Mumbai Airport is under an examination through the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). The Committee has suggested the relocation of commercial/hotel area i.e., the non-operational facilities into some alternative location to save the mangroves, lagoon area and mud flats which act as natural buffer for tidal influence and for storage of the tidal water during high tide. The EAC had also suggested shifting of North side runway 59m-100m to Southward side to avoid the "training" or confining the flow of Gadhi River. I expect that some solution will come out to minimize the environmental damage on account of the proposed airport.

3. With regard to CRZ issues, I am enclosing a draft Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2010 which has been issued vide S.O.No.2291(E), dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 inviting comments from the public within sixty days from the date of issue of the above Notification.

4. In the above draft Notification at para V, special dispensation has been provided to the CRZ area falling within municipal limits of Greater Mumbai. In order to provide safe and decent dwelling to slum dwellers the draft notification provides for Floor Space Index or Floor Area Ratio for such slum redevelopment schemes to be taken up in accordance with town and country planning regulations prevailing as on the date on which the project is granted approval by the Competent Authority. However, to ensure that all the slum dwellers are provided housing as per the State Government norms, 51% stake of the State Government or its agencies has been made mandatory.

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5. Further, with regard to redevelopment of dilapidated, cessed and unsafe buildings Floor Space Index or Floor Area Ratio for such redevelopment schemes shall be in accordance with town and country planning regulations prevailing as on the date on which the project is granted approval by the Competent Authority.

6. To ensure that the above two housing schemes indicated at para 4 and 5 above are implemented in a accountable and transparent manner, applicability of Right Information Act, 2005, auditing by Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India and monitoring by an High Level Oversight Committee has been put in place.

I would appreciate, if you could provide your comments on the above draft CRZ Notification, 2010, so that it can be further strengthened.

*Warm personal*  
With regards,  
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Yours sincerely,

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