

Government of West Bengal
Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs
"NAGARAYAN",
DF - 8, Sector - I, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 064

No. 1315/UDMA-15011(12)/392/2022-LS-MA

Dated, 26th day of June, 2026

To
The Municipal Commissioner, KMC,
Commissioner, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation
Commissioner, Howrah Municipal Corporation
CEO, New Town Kolkata Development Authority
Administrator, Pujali Municipality/ Bally Municipality
Executive Officer, Baruipur/Budge Budge /Maheshtala/Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality/South
Dum Dum Municipality/Baranagar Municipality/Kamarhati Municipality

Subject: Direction on temporary suspension of construction of High-Rise (G+5 and above), Commercial Buildings, pending site verification, construction quality Audit, and Technical Review

In view of the unfortunate incident of collapse of under construction warehouse at Taratala, Kolkata leading to death of several construction workers and severe injury to many other workers on 24th June, 2026 and in the interest of public safety, structural integrity, and compliance with applicable building regulations, all the above noted Corporation/Municipalities/authorities are hereby directed to take immediate precautionary measures regarding ongoing and proposed high-rise and commercial building projects within their respective jurisdictions. This will also be applicable for Rajarhat area of BMC and for areas to be identified by Commissioner, HMC and Administrator, Bally Municipality within HMC and Bally Municipality respectively.

Accordingly, concerned ULBs shall:

1. **Suspend further construction activities upto 31st July, 2026 with immediate effect** on ongoing high-rise (G+5 and above), commercial building projects, until the completion of the following assessments:
 - o Verification of land and site suitability;
 - o Structural and geotechnical review of the project site;
 - o Independent audit of construction quality, materials, and workmanship;


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- Technical review of approved designs, drawings, and compliance with applicable building codes and safety standards.
2. **Ensure strict enforcement of safety measures** at construction sites during the suspension period to prevent hazards to workers, neighboring properties, and the general public, only critical safety-related activities will be permitted to continue until they reach a safe and stable stage.
- Completion of sheet piling, retaining structures, excavation stabilization works, dewatering operations, and bracing systems where excavation has already commenced for basement construction, pile caps for deep foundations, or shallow foundations, in order to prevent soil collapse and safeguard adjoining properties.
 - Repair and restoration work in respect of old and dilapidated buildings, if having valid sanction of the municipal authority.
 - Essential precautionary measures to prevent water accumulation and to eliminate conditions conducive to mosquito breeding.
 - Necessary precautionary measures to mitigate risks arising from high wind gusts, including the installation or dismantling of scaffolding, staging, safety nets, and temporary support structures.
 - Erection or dismantling of cranes, where such operations have already commenced and are in progress.
3. **Audit of all buildings covered under this direction** shall be done as per SOP to be finalized by high level Inquiry Committee constituted by State Government vide Order No 208-CS/2026 dated 25.06.2026. Municipal Commissioner, KMC will arrange to provide all secretarial assistance to the high-level Inquiry Committee.

The ban imposed on the construction vide this direction will be removed on case to case basis by the Audit Committee constituted by State Government vide Order No 208-CS/2026 dated 25.06.2026.

4. **All Central and State government projects, emergency maintenance and repair, extension of residential buildings with valid sanctioned plan, construction of residential buildings comprising Ground Floor plus Four (G+4) storied shall be outside the purview of this advisory.**


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The projects successfully undergone verification, quality audit, and technical review and has been certified as compliant with all applicable standards and regulations shall be allowed by high level Inquiry Committee to commence construction works even before 31st July, 2026. If any project needs to adopt some corrective measures as per direction of the Committee, then the concerned developers/builders shall be bound to comply with those directions. If the Committee finds, that any construction has been carried out in complete deviation of existing provisions of building norms then steps for demolition of such erection to be taken following the due procedure prescribed under law.

All concerned ULBs are directed to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure full compliance.


Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the, -

1. Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal with the request to provide assistance by deploying Senior Officers during field survey
2. Commissioner, Kolkata Police with the request to provide assistance during field survey in KMC area
3. CEO, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority
4. District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas/ North 24 Parganas/Howrah
5. Chief Engineer, MED South Zone
6. Chairman.....Municipality
7. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department.
8. Sr. P S to Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department


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