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PRESS RELEASE

The said press release is given to bring out factual truths in relation to the news item published about the protest held by Shri Vaiyapuri Manikandan, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly during weekend tour of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi to Muthialpet. The protest was held alleging that Hon'ble Lt. Governor had stalled the project of erection of RO Plant – Reverse Osmosis Plant for Muthialpet.

The project in question relates to erection of 3 RO Plants of 2.5 MLD capacity at Kattamanikuppam, Rainbow Nagar and Thirukanji under AMRUT Mission for an estimated cost of Rs.14.08 crores. Following certain serious concerns raised by NGOs and Civil Society representatives regarding the tender floated by Public Works Department, a joint meeting of NGOs with the Officers of PWD, OSD of Smart City and AMRUT and NGOs was held in Raj Nivas on 20th May 2017.

In the course of deliberations, the following four major points of concerns emerged, **which were to be examined by Public Works Department on merit and take appropriate decision :-**

1. *Minimum life period for the R.O. plants and maintenance to be prescribed in consultation with Technical Appraisal committee under AMRUT*
2. *Co-opting the external experts in the Tender Evaluation committee*
3. *Mode of pollution free disposal of sludge released from R.O. Plant*
4. **Feasibility** *of supplying the purified water from R.O. plant without mixing it with existing higher PPM content water **be explored**.*

The Chief Engineer, PWD prepared the Minutes of Meeting containing the above points of concern and issued it on 31st May 2017.

The deliberations at Raj Nivas had only resulted in bringing out certain pertinent matters of concern.

The PWD was to take a considered decision on the minutes with the approval of the Competent Authority. Till now the file has not been submitted to Hon'ble Lt. Governor. Hence the matter is well within the domain of the Department.