



Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce

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President

8th December, 2010

Mr. V. Madhu, IAS
Principal Secretary,
Infrastructure Dev. Dept.
Government of Karnataka
Room - 28, Vikasa Soudha,
Bangalore

Dear Mr. Madhu,

Representation on Swiss Challenge Guidelines to IDD
(Infrastructure Development Department) Government of Karnataka (GoK)

This is with reference to our representation on the above subject submitted to your goodself on 20th February 2010 (copy enclosed) when the draft Guidelines on Swiss Challenge were issued by your Department.

However, subsequent to our representation, we understand that you have come out with the Guidelines in the month of June, 2010 and the same has been posted in your website. Unfortunately, we have found that none of our recommendations/suggestions have been included in the Guidelines nor the Chamber was invited to for a discussion before the Guidelines were finalized.

We have requested in our representation to consider providing adequate incentives by Government of Karnataka to private sector Project Proponents in general and suo moto initiators of Swiss Challenge projects in particular. This Representation also relates to the threshold being introduced in the 'Draft Guidelines for Procurement of PPP projects through Swiss Challenge proposals route', issued by your Department.

We also observe that there has been a change in the Infrastructure Policy under clause 29, wherein you have added an addendum, stating that '**any project that is proposed through the Swiss Challenge will not be eligible for any kind of concessions, incentives etc from the State Government**'. We find that this will be a major deterrent for all investors who are looking at Karnataka as a potential investment destination. Hence we request you to suitably amend this clause so that all incentives could be made available for projects under Swiss Challenge too.

We hope you will earnestly consider our request and shall be grateful to hearing from you in this regard at the earliest. If required, the Chamber would be pleased to meet you and explain to you in person on those issues that have been raised in our representation.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

Shekar Viswanathan

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