

Minutes of the Meeting: BAF members & BWSSB Chairman, Mr. Ravi Shankar

Members of the Bangalore Apartments Federation met with Chairman, BWSSB, Mr. Ravishankar on 08 Jan 2014 at 3.00pm. The appointment was granted at short notice; the following members were able to attend:

SNo.	Name	Post	Phone
1.	Mr. S Venkat Krishna	President	9448463418
2.	Mr. Srikanth Narasimhan	Treasurer	9980274246
3.	Mr. R Balasubramanyam	Vice President (East)	9739000076
4.	Mr. Kannan Kadirvelu	Joint Secretary (North)	9945226459
5.	Mr. Abhijit Chaudhuri	Joint Secretary (East)	9880186874
6.	Mr. Vishwanatha Rao	Member	9845919342
7.	Mr. K Arun Kumar	Vice President (West)	9538399222

1. BAF Members expressed their angst and serious concerns about the arbitrary and unfair water tariff increase for apartment complexes.
2. BAF submitted representations from 45 Apartment Complexes from across Bangalore to the Chairman on the subject.
3. The Chairman mentioned that the decision was taken during the tenure of his predecessors.
4. He said he understood there was a bias, but wasn't sure of the intention behind that.
5. He mentioned that the increase was a political decision by the then Karnataka Government. As per him, due process, as prescribed by law, was followed to communicate the tariff increase. He mentioned that there was a gazette notification published, only after which the tariff was increased.
6. Particular focus was laid on the bias against apartment complexes in the increase. The Chairman mentioned that even at this time, the BWSSB is incurring losses in the range of Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 Crores per month. He mentioned there is a further tariff increase in consideration, and said that as part of that exercise due consideration is being given to make it fair and equitable for the apartment complexes, and removing bias.

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7. He was categorical that there was nothing in his hands to reverse/reconsider the tariff increase.
8. He recommended that we approach the Principal Secretary, Urban Development Authority.
9. We have however collected an acknowledgement from the Chairman of having submitted a representation on behalf of the 45 apartment complexes. The individual memorandums were collected back from the BWSSB office so as to use them at the next stage.

Next Steps: The 7 BAF members conducted a meeting subsequent to the meeting with the BWSSB Chairman. The following was agreed:

- It was decided to pursue the next course of action with the Urban Development Authority.
- Arun Kumar will forward the BWSSB appointment message to Srikanth Narasimhan.
- Srikanth will pursue setting up the meeting the Principal Secretary, Urban Development Authority and notify the group.
- We hope and expect this to happen within the next few days. Governing Council members are requested to be flexible for another meeting at short notice.