



Advocacy - Governance - Renewal

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URGENT

Sub: Azad Maidan

Dear Shri Fadnavis,

The Mumbai Mirror of June 11, 2017 (enclosed) carries a story stating that 10000 sq. ft of Azad Maidan is going to be given over to the traffic police to hold protests and morchas!! This is in lieu of 4000sq. ft. having been taken over for Metro 3.


We at NAGAR are absolutely shocked and are writing to you to ensure this does not happen. As it is Metro 3 has taken over Ten lakh sq. ft of this iconic reserved public open space. That this is for an infrastructure project is the reason we have not objected. However, we strongly object to the traffic police being given this space for morchas and protests. They can be accommodated elsewhere and must not be permitted to take over this reserved public open space. Azad Maidan is also an important centre of cricket in South Mumbai which has already lost many pitches because of Metro 3. No more pitches must be sacrificed. The sanctity of reserved public space, meant for recreation of citizens, cannot and must not be treated in such a cavalier manner!

You Sir have been a champion of the scarce reserved public open spaces in Greater Mumbai and taken some very positive and pro-active decisions in this regard. We urge you to do so once again and ensure this unconscionable decision is not taken and thereby save Azad Maidan.

Looking forward to a positive outcome.

Yours sincerely


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Atul Kumar

On behalf of Trustees

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