



# Public Concern For Governance Trust

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Dear Shri Fadnavis,

Just four months back people of Mumbai applauded your principled stand that BMC should take back all open spaces which had been given to private parties. Citizens had protested BMC's attempt to alienate their rights over their property. We hailed your response to safeguard citizens' interests. Many open spaces have been taken back. We did note that the open spaces usurped by politicians were not taken back, on the excuse that this would be done in a phased manner. Now there are disturbing reports that some of these spaces will be allowed to continue in the possession of some private parties!

There were many open spaces that were being looked after by local citizen groups in a most responsible and efficient manner. But because of the policy decision they had to surrender these spaces to the municipality. We appreciate that the rule has to apply to all but in this case the people because of whom the rule was originally made are not adhering to it and only those who were law-abiding have been affected!

We request you, Sir, to correct this distortion in the implementation of the policy which you have initiated and which we support.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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