

Foreword

The 74th Constitutional Amendment, section 234 paragraph 12, 1992 and Maharashtra State Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council act 1994 section 67(A), requires submission of Environmental Status Report (ESR) for municipal areas. I am pleased to place before you ESR for Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) for the year 2001-2002.

NMMC has total area of 162.47 square kilometres and is divided into nine zones. These are Belapur, Nerul, Turbhe, Vashi, Koparkhairane, Ghansoli, Airoli, Digha, and Dahisar. The population residing within NMMC area has increased from 3.18 lakhs in 1991 to 7.04 lakhs in 2001. NMMC area is located between hills on east and Arabian Sea in the west and south. NMMC area is endowed with forests, gardens, lakes and excellent physical planning. As a result, the population residing in NMMC area enjoys excellent facilities, amenities and environmental quality. Based on study of Environmental quality and infrastructure facilities Environmental Quality Index for NMMC area has been as 52.5%. While Quality of Life index worked out as 65.6%.

While I am proud of the achievements of NMMC, I am aware that increase in population, trade & commerce, industry, and transport activities leads to stress on availability of infrastructure resources and quality of environment. Only a timely review of activities in economic sectors, resultant demands of infrastructure facilities and amenities, and consequent changes in environmental quality can lead to identification of the action plan and devising precautionary measures to preserve and improve environmental quality of life. Environmental Status Report attempts to address these aspects.

I recognise the co-operation rendered by CIDCO, MPCB, Police Commissioner Office-Traffic Control Division, and various departments of NMMC. I appreciate the efforts taken by the team of M/s Mahabal

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Enviro Private Limited in preparation of ESR. M/s. Mahabal Enviro Engineers with their strong environmental set up under the advice and guidance of Shri D. R. Rasal, Environmental Consultant, NMMC had taken great pains in preparing the Environmental Status Report. I seek co-operation and continued support of all of you in our endeavour of remaining environmentally friendly city.

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Municipal Commissioner