

27<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Sub: MMRDA misquoted by Sakal, Pudhari & Nav Bharat newspapers, not involved in Bullet Train Project.

The news item "Bullet Train Project to Continue", dated 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, published in Sakal, Pudhari & Nav Bharat newspapers, is not an authentic report. Shri R.A. Rajeev, Metropolitan Commissioner, The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), did not meet or give out any statement to any Reporter in the last 15 days. His name has been wrongly quoted in the news item.

The MMRDA has nothing to do with the Bullet Train Project implementation and is not involved in the tendering or planning process whatsoever. The news agency needs to do due diligence before quoting such misleading matter. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Shri R.A. Rajeev has also been wrongly quoted saying the bullet train project would continue. He has not said anything of this sort and the quote has no substance. The MMRDA has only provided land to National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd., (NHSRCL) as per the directions from the Government of Maharashtra.

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