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From

The Member Secretary & Head SEOC

To

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Sir

Sub:- KSDMA- Publication of Guide for using National Building Code of India 2016
 & Pamphlets for Home owners and Home buyers- Forwarded- reg

Ref:- Letter No. CED 46/Gen-8 dated 09.11.2022 from Bureau of Indian
 Standards.

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited. The BIS has published three pamphlets for creating awareness among general public about their rights and duties while constructing their own home or buying one from a builder / developer. With the help of flowchart and checklists, these pamphlets explain the process of obtaining the permits from the Authority for development or building construction. The pamphlets have been published both in Hindi and English and includes the following

1. Guide for Homeowners- Series 1 Building Permit Process
2. Guide for Homeowners- Series 2 Constructing your Independent House
3. Guide for Homeowners- Series 3 Buying an Apartment from a Developer/ Builder.

Copy of the booklet and pamphlets is available in their website www.bis.gov.in and can be downloaded from the following links for your reference.

Towards a Safer State...

<https://www.bis.gov.in/index.php/guide-for-homeowners-and-homebuyers/>

<https://www.bis.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Booklet-Guide-for-Using-NBC->

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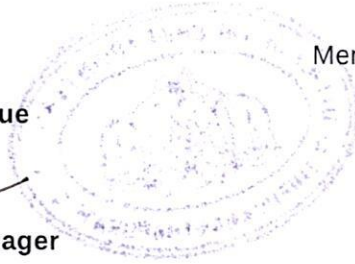
Yours faithfully

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09 September 2022

**Subject: Publication of Guide for using National Building Code of India 2016
and Pamphlets for Homeowners and Home Buyers**

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S. L. Kuriakose
12/9/2022

Dear Sir,

As the country envisions to reimage our cities into centres of sustainable living with opportunities for all, including women and youth, it would be pertinent to ensure orderly, safe and sustainable development of cities in accordance with the various regulatory provisions in place. This would also require capacity building of all the stakeholders involved in this activity, such as, building professionals, regulatory Authorities, builders, as also public at large, so that they can understand the regulatory framework, development and building regulations, and the most important publication of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), namely, National Building Code of India 2016 (NBC 2016) which supports these regulations, in a better and simple way. Better understanding of these aspects will encourage their use and implementation by the stakeholders.

2. NBC 2016 is a special publication brought out by BIS in which all provisions relating to planning, design, construction and operation and maintenance of buildings are covered in more than 2200 pages. The Code mainly covers aspects of administrative provisions; development control rules and general building requirements; fire safety requirements; stipulations regarding materials and structural design; rules for design of electrical installations, lighting, air conditioning and heating; installation of lifts, escalators and moving walks; provisions for ventilation, acoustics and plumbing services, such as water supply, drainage, sanitation and gas supply; provisions on solid waste management; measures to ensure safety of workers and public during construction; rules for erection of signs and outdoor display structures; provisions on landscape planning and design; and provisions on asset and facility management.

3. In order to promote the use of the Code, a simplified guide in the form of an illustrative booklet, titled '**Guide for Using National Building Code of India 2016**' has been brought out by BIS for all stakeholders for understanding the contents of various Parts/Sections of the Code and their interconnection. For ease of understanding of the technical information provided in NBC 2016, the key contents and concepts of each of the thirteen parts of NBC 2016 have been laid down in the booklet using infographics and simplified language.

4. Considering that the awareness of the general public about the regulation of building construction activity, and about the significance of involving building professionals in the building activity needs to be improved to a great extent, **BIS has published three pamphlets for creating awareness among general public about their rights and duties while constructing their own home or buying one from a builder/developer.** These pamphlets will also guide the public about the ways to take better services from not only municipal bodies/statutory authorities but also from all building professionals whom they should engage for building their safe and sustainable home. These pamphlets have been published both in Hindi and English, and include the following:

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With the help of flowchart and checklists, these pamphlets explain the process of obtaining the permits from the Authority for development or building construction, and also guides homeowners and homebuyers about the various aspects they must ensure while buying or building a home.

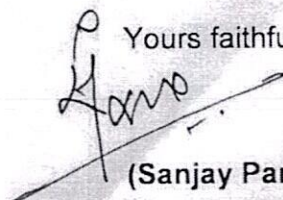
5. **We are pleased to enclose a copy each of the booklet and the pamphlets for your use, with a request to further disseminate the same.** These are also available on our website, www.bis.gov.in and can be downloaded from the following links:

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjay Pant)
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