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Former Prime Minister of India
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Dear Shri Siddaramaiah ji,

SUB: Illegality in the implementation of the Bangalore-Mysore Corridor Infrastructure Project (BMICP)

You are well aware the farmers in the Bangalore-Mysore region are the victims of the most egregious exploitation in the name of the BMICP. The project was originally conceived in 1995 by our government as an infrastructure project intended to de-congest Bangalore city and provide for planned urbanization in the Bangalore-Mysore corridor. However, as the Sadana Samiti Report tabled by your government in the House in 2016 meticulously narrated, the project proponent, M/s. Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise Limited (NICEL), has unconscionably diverted the originally conceived public purpose to enable its private profiteering at the expense of the poor farmers of this great state.

The findings recorded in the Sadana Samiti report are deeply distressing. A summary of the land acquisition data set out in the report is as follows –

| STAGE OF ACQUISITION | EXTENT IN ACRES |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Under Section 3(1) KIAD Act | 29267 |
| Under Section 1(3) KIAD Act | 19414 |
| Under Section 28(1) KIAD Act | 18214 |
| Under Section 28(4) KIAD Act | 4810 |
| Handed over to NICEL | 2159.6 |

It is astonishing to note these figures. Under Schedule I of the Framework Agreement dated 03.04.1997 (“FWA”), NICEL is entitled only to a total extent of 13,237 acres of private lands for the entire BMICP. But we see that **29,267 acres** – more than twice the extent of its entitlement – has been notified under Section 3(1) of the KIAD Act. **13,404 acres** in the Bangalore-Mysore region have been under preliminary notification of acquisition for the last 25 years putting the livelihoods of farmers into deep freeze.

Your government went on record before the Hon’ble Supreme Court in 2016 to state on affidavit that NICEL has not been implementing the BMICP in accordance with the FWA and the Project Technical Report (“PTR”) which laid the blueprint of the BMICP. Your government stated on record that the Peripheral Road has not been laid in accordance with the FWA alignment. Your government stated on record that NICEL is in possession of 554 acres of land in excess of its entitlements for the Peripheral Road and