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Subject REPLY TO COMMENTS FROM CONSUMER GROUPS IN MANGALORE INDIA AND REQUEST FOR ADB MISSION TO KARNATAKA

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Dear Mr. Shankar Narayan Bhat K, Ms. Vidya Dinkar, and Dr. Vombatkere,

Thank you for participating in the recent civil society consultation and for sharing your comments on behalf of the Consumer Forum, Consumers' Protection Council, and the NGO Taskforce in Mangalore to inform the comprehensive review of ADB's water policy implementation review and improve ADB's water operations in India.

We shared your written comments with the Review Panel during their final meeting this past week. We expect that several of the concerns raised may be acknowledged in the Panel's report when it is issued early next year, including the role of the private sector in water projects, decentralization and the role of urban local bodies ULBs, and the water policy's participatory and pro-poor approach. We expect that the report will be posted on ADB's website in February for circulation to all interested parties.

We have also shared your specific concerns about the projects affecting Puttur Town and Mangalore, and your recommendations to improve projects in India, with ADB's Resident Mission in India (INRM) and ADB's Southeast Asian Regional Department (SARD) at HQ. As I outlined in my email of 23 November to Ms. Dinkar below, we understand that you or your group would send us a letter summarizing the points discussed during the consultation, making reference to the various documents handed over to us during the consultation, and requesting that ADB send a mission to look into the concerns raised about the project. We did not receive that request yet.

Thanks again for your inputs to inform the review and improve ADB's water operations in your country and the region,

Best regards
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