



## ADDENDA ON KHUSHI PARISARA PETITION

### TO THE HONOURABLE Minister of Forest, Ecology and Environment Mr. Eshwar B Khandre

Unfortunately for us, the meeting with you was unworkable and not all the points we wanted to bring to your attention and decision were noted at the submitted documents (PETITION and URGED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIONS).

Thenceforth we articulate them here for your kind appraisal.

- Concerning the URGED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIONS of last year requested to you, is it possible to know which of them you consider relevant, inappropriate, unworkable and challenging but workable?
- At our PETITION we tried to bring to your notice the complexities surrounding Tourism Policy and K-Shore Project, with their interpretation and application, leaving too much to executive caution due to lack of unequivocal provisions, potentially undermining the envisioned protection of coastal environment and raising serious concerns about its potential miscatching. Khushi Parisara highlights again that **industrial development policies and undertakings (as the tourism one) should prioritise ecology over economy, environment over development, and long-term benefits over short-term profits.**
- Additionally, we would have liked to bring to your attention a small note – it will be weird for citizens to see the Government Departments endowed with the duty to implement the K-Shore project indulging themselves on the use and display of SUPs as it happens currently – it will be very disruptive.

Thus, Khushi Parisara requests to the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Minister to direct the establishment of an urgent **Ocean Protection Task Force Board /Cell** at the Coastal Area and the deployment of a Technical Assistant for Ocean Pollution/Deputy Conservator of Marine Ecosystems.

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