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To,  
**The Hon'ble Chief Minister,**  
**Government of Uttar Pradesh,**  
**Lok Bhawan**  
**Lucknow(U.P)**  
**226001**

**Subject: Request for Clarification and Proper Utilization of Right of Way (ROW) in City Master Plans.**

Respected Sir,

At the very outset, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your visionary leadership under which Uttar Pradesh is rapidly transforming into a modern, progressive, and world-class state. The unprecedented initiatives taken by your government in infrastructure development, housing, and urban renewal have set a benchmark across the nation and have instilled new confidence among citizens.

In this context of accelerated urban growth, we wish to humbly draw your kind attention to an important matter relating to the effective utilization of the *Right of Way (ROW)* in city Master Plans.

It has been observed that, despite the best intentions, various civic and development bodies—including Nagar Nigams, Development Authorities, and Zila Panchayats—are frequently installing public facilities such as toilets, bus shelters, vending zones, statues, and rickshaw stands directly within the notified ROW of roads. While these amenities are essential for public convenience, their unplanned placement within the ROW has, in several cases, narrowed the functional road width, resulting in traffic congestion, road safety challenges, and long-term hindrances to future road widening and infrastructure upgrades.

For U.P. ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION  
  
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### **Our Humble Request:**

In order to align with the Hon'ble Government's vision of smart mobility, sustainable infrastructure, and citizen-friendly urban planning, we respectfully request that:

- A clear and authoritative clarification be issued by the Government on what elements are formally included and excluded within the Right of Way (ROW) under notified Master Plans.
- Directions be given to all concerned bodies to ensure that the minimum carriageway and pedestrian space as per Master Plan ROW always remain unobstructed.
- Public amenities be strategically located in designated spaces such as service roads, setbacks, or utility plots, only after safeguarding the notified ROW.
- A uniform and coordinated mechanism be adopted for all future planning, ensuring that the sanctity of ROW is preserved across the state.

Respected Sir, your dynamic governance has already established Uttar Pradesh as a model of balanced development. We are confident that, under your decisive guidance, this clarification will not only resolve current challenges but also strengthen the long-term framework of orderly and congestion-free urban growth.

We remain ever grateful for your benevolent attention and are confident that, with your kind intervention, our cities will continue to move forward on the path of world-class infrastructure and citizen-centric development.

With the highest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

  
**Ar. Ankit Agarwal**

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