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Honorable Shri M.J. Joseph (ICAS), DIrector General Bureau of Indian Standards 9 Bahadur Shar Zafar Marg New Delhi 110 002 India

Dear Shri Director General Joseph:

I am following up on my letter of December 22, 2014 to BIS discussing our efforts to reformat the National Building Code of India (2005) so that it is more amenable to modern Internet formats and standards. It is with pleasure that I inform you that we have made considerable progress on that endeavor, and you may find the results at the following URL:

https://law.resource.org/pub/in/bis/manifest.ced.46.html

A number of features have been added to the formatting of the text:

- The "enhanced HTML" version of the Code is fully formatted and compliant with modern XHTML and CSS standards.
- Cross-links are now in place using a regular identification scheme, so every table, figure, equation, and subsection may be individually addressed with a URL.
- Links to externally referenced Indian Standards all resolve to the relevant documents, with the exception of a few invalid references which are so marked.
- The graphics have been redrawn into SVG format and the mathematical formulas coded as MATHML.
- By applying a style sheet, we are able to transform the XHTML document into a PDF document in both A4 and US Letter sizes.
- Using Print-On-Demand services, we have printed a two-volume edition with a special dust jacket and section dividers using art from the U.S. Library of Congress.

It is with great pleasure that I enclose for your consideration the 2-volume printed edition. As stated previously, it would be a great pleasure to work with you and your talented staff to make available to BIS the source code we have developed and to assist you in helping make these Indian Standards ever more useful to the people of India.

With best regards,

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