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Dear Kataria,

1. This is in continuation of my letter dated 02/07/2020, wherein the Directorate of Urban Land Transport has recommended that the Cubbon Park be closed for all traffic except for pedestrians and cyclists. We have also attached a SOP as desired by you. We note that there is some thinking on part of Government to reopen Cubbon Park for motorised traffic. It may also be pertinent to mention here that DULT has also received representations from citizen groups to intercede on their behalf for ensuring traffic free Cubbon Park. DULT has examined the matter and in our view, reopening of Cubbon Park to motorised traffic is not advisable for the following reasons:
 - a. Cubbon Park is a vast green space in the heart of the city and its pristine nature needs to be preserved.
 - b. In various cities across the world, spaces in the city core are being reclaimed for the use of pedestrians and cyclists. Cubbon Park would be an ideal place to be reserved for pedestrians and cyclists in Bengaluru. Pedestrians and cyclists can use the park as shortcut for reaching their destinations.
 - c. Closing of Cubbon Park to the use of motorised traffic will not cause any inconvenience as motorised traffic has alternate routes to reach their destinations.
2. Therefore, DULT recommends that Cubbon Park be closed for motorised traffic. Parking of motorised vehicles shall not be allowed in the Cubbon Park.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sri Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS
Secretary to Government,
Horticulture and Sericulture,
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