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The Editor  
Deccan Herald  
M.G.Road  
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Dear Editor,

**Sub : FALSE, MISLEADING & DENIGRATING News Report in Deccan Herald dt. 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as regards BMRCL.**

I bring to your attention to the News report that appeared in Deccan Herald on 5.1.2010 in page 7 under the heading “**Bending austerity rules to go abroad**” which states that **Nearly a dozen senior IAS and IPS toured various countries on expenses borne by BMRCL, KSRTC, KUWASIP, KSTDC, KSCAB and KSFC.**

I wish to inform you that no IAS, IPS officials employed in BMRCL or being on the Board of Directors of BMRCL belonging to either the Central or State Government or any Minister of the State or Central Government, has toured abroad on the funds of BMRCL in the tenure of this Government.

You are requested to furnish the Corrigendum to your News report since it is factually incorrect, misleading and generally projecting a negative image about the Company and its public standing.

Yours faithfully,

(N. SIVASAILAM)  
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## Bending austerity rules to go abroad

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The rationale behind using these boards and corporations was that they are autonomous bodies and expenditures incurred by them are not shown against their respective departments.

While Yeddyurappa, Revenue Minister Karunakara Reddy, IT and BT Minister Katta Subramanya Naidu and Industries Minister Murugesu Nirani visited China, Japan, Germany and Austria on the account of

Karnataka Udyog Mitra, Transport Minister R Ashok and Co-operation Minister Lakshman Savadi went to Sweden, Japan and Korea under KSRTC's and Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank's account, respectively.

Curiously, the source of the foreign travel expenses of former Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Shobha Karandlaje, who toured Washington DC, and Labour Minister Bacche Gowda, who spent time in Geneva, were not shown by DPAR.

Nearly a dozen senior IAS and IPS toured various countries on expenses borne by BMRCL, KSRTC, KUWASIP, KSTDC, KSCAB and KSFC.

At the same time, the expenditure of Chief Secretary Sudhakar Rao, who accompanied the Chief Minister on his China tour in September 2009, has been shown to have been borne by the Government of Karnataka.

Each of these government officers spent Rs 2 lakh on average.

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