

Regarding need to rehabilitate the slum dwellers in Paradip Port area in Jagatsinghpur Parliamentary Constituency, Odisha-Laid

SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR): Paradip Port in Jagatsinghpur Parliamentary Constituency in Odisha is one of the largest ports in Country's East Coast and has been performing as number one Port authority in handling of cargo, mostly Iron ore and coal. Besides the establishment of Port authority, many large industrial establishments like IFFCO, IOCL, PPL and number of small and medium industries are operating within and periphery of Paradip Port region. The manual labourers who extend services as daily wage labourers as per requirement of Paradip Port and other industrial set ups have been residing in many pockets inside the Paradip Port authority region as well as in the periphery of the port area as slum dwellers since long. The social and health conditions of these slum dwellers, living in fragmented manner inside and outside of Paradip Port is pitiable and they are also debarred from getting minimum basic facilities provided by the Government. Therefore, I urge the minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to kindly look into the matter on priority basis and initiate for their rehabilitation in concrete buildings having facilities of housing, water and sanitation, schooling, anganwadi centers, market, park and other facilities. I would also like to attract the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for beautification of Paradip Town in order to attract investment and create employment opportunity for local people.