

Regarding need to rehabilitate the hutment dwellers residing on the land of Mumbai Port-Laid

SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT (MUMBAI SOUTH): Mumbai port was one of the finest ports in the country and has played a pivotal role in the development of the national economy. Even today, it caters to 8.61 percent of the country's sea-borne trade handled by major ports of the country in terms of volume. It caters to 16.07% of POL Traffic handled by the Major Ports. It has handled a record break Cargo even during the Corona pandemic. But to develop it today, Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) is in a miserable financial position. In fact, to increase the revenue of MbPA, I myself consistently persuaded with the Hon^{ble} PM & Shipping Minister for developing the port and make it fully functional for huge vessels to enter into port and embark from it. As the decision for revival was not taken on time along with the reduction in the staff, huge encroachment has taken place on the land of MbPA. Thousands of Hutment dwellers are residing for more than 20 years. To revive the Mumbai port and rehabilitate the existing hutment dwellers by granting 'Pucca ghar' a dream project of Hon^{ble} PM, holistic plan, approach and execution is required.