

Regarding need to review decision to privatize the public hospitals in Mumbai, Maharashtra- Laid

SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL (MUMBAI NORTH-EAST): I wish to raise a serious concern about the growing trend of privatizing the public hospitals in Mumbai, particularly under the PPP model. I would like to share the example of M.T. Agarwal Hospital in Mulund. Despite public funds used for its redevelopment, it remains shut, and there are plans to hand it over to private operators. The same is happening with hospitals in Bandra, Vikhroli, Borivali, Govandi and Mankhurd. These hospitals serve lakhs of people, especially those from slum areas who rely solely on government healthcare. If these hospitals are privatized, most services will be out of reach for the poor. In areas like Govandi and Mankhurd citizens are demanding affordable and accessible healthcare, not commercialization. Past PPP attempts have led to staff mismanagement and poor services. I demand that the Government stop further privatization, ensure all redeveloped hospitals remain fully public, and bring in a clear, transparent health policy that protects the needs of the poor.