

**Regarding need for modernization, development and de-silting of Mumbai Port- laid**

**SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT (MUMBAI SOUTH):** Mumbai Port, one of India's oldest and most strategically located port has been neglected totally as far as Modernization, development, desilting is concerned. Naturally, it has resulted in loss of business as well as devastation of assets. Despite its enormous potential to boost trade, employment, and coastal economic activity, several key development projects remain delayed due to lack of coordinated planning between central and MPA. There is an urgent need for a comprehensive, time-bound development plan for Mumbai Port, including modernization of berths, Creation of Marina Convention Centre, Amusement park so that tourist will be attracted and while doing so rehabilitation of thousands of hutment dwellers residing on the land of MPA under PAP as assured by the then Shipping Minister on the floor of the house. Also In particular, special attention must be given to the longstanding concerns of the fishermen operating out at Sassoon Dock, who continue to face livelihood challenges due to infrastructure constraints and lack of adequate facilities Injustice has been done by evacuating them by MPA. I request the Government to take immediate and proactive measures to accelerate the development of Mumbai Port and address these long-pending challenges without further delay.