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Title: Need to remove encroachment of railway land around Chembur and Govandi Railway Stations in Mumbai.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Chembur and Govandi are considered as important stations in central hub of Mumbai. These are important station junctions connecting East and West suburbs. The increasing traffic has become major problem in this area. Furthermore, Chembur Station is one of the important stations on harbour line. The increasing hawkers and illegal stalls which start from ticket windows in railway premises are adding to the woes of the daily commuters. There are encroachments on the Railway properties in and around Chembur and Govandi Railway stations. One can see two different faces in Chembur area. On the east side of the station, tall skyscrapers, high income people, passenger activities are there in the area and traffic bottleneck is the real picture of the Chembur station whereas on west side one can see increasing hutments, stink and filth empire. These are two faces of Chembur station area. The road outside Chembur station is very narrow. Furthermore due to increasing auto rickshaws and routes of many BEST buses, it is rare to find an area without traffic bottleneck. Because of narrow roads, the traffic is hit hard in both railway premises. Moreover, because of market around the station premises, it is always surrounded by large number of people who come for shopping. Many times due to vehicular traffic and illegal hawkers on the road one has to wait for hours to get out of the station.

My request to Railway Minister is to direct the Central and Western Railway authorities to remove encroachment from the railway land around Chembur and Govandi stations and also involve Mumbai Municipal Corporation and Mumbai Traffic Police for smooth functioning of railway facilities for daily commuters.