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Title: Need to protect mangroves in Ambedkar Nagar in South Mumbai from illegal habitations.

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT (MUMBAI SOUTH): In my constituency i.e. Mumbai South, Ambedkar Nagar is situated at Cuffe Parade. In the month of March due to some short circuit or a burst of a gas cylinder fire took place and nearly 500 huts were perished. Luckily no major casualty took place except one death, considering the number of losses of the huts. Madam Speaker, all these huts have been illegally raised, some of them are later regularized but the worst part is that now a day the huts are being raised by mercilessly cutting the mangroves even after the above serious accident. The forest Department is not taking any preventive or remedial action to stop the raising of these illegal structures on mangroves. Hence, I request the forest Department to initiate immediate action to remove these illegal huts from mangroves and save the environment.