



PROUD

(PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION OF UNITED DHARAVI)

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To

21st March, 2011

Shri. Devendra Kumar Jain,
The Asst. Municipal Commissioner,
G/North Ward, Dadar,
Mumbai.
E-mail:ac.gn@mcm.gov.in

Respected Sir,

Sub: **Eviction Notice and Alternative Accommodation for Dharavi Pipeline Residents.**

As you may know, People's Responsible Organisation of United Dharavi(**PROUD**)is a non-political, secular and community based federation of more than 70 Co-Op. Housing Societies representing different sectors and working for the betterment of people in Dharavi since 1979. PROUD has been very active and continuously involved in "**Cleanliness Drive of MCGB**", Dharavi Redevelopment Project(**DRP**)and other civic and social issues working in close co-ordination with **G/North** ward of **MCGB/MHADA/PMGP/SPPL/SRA** specially in organizing community meetings, spreading awareness, creating public opinion etc.

As per Maharashtra State Govt. Policy and Dharavi Redevelopment Project(**DRP**)Plan, all the affected families shall be rehabilitated within Dharavi providing 300 Sq.Ft. flats with all basic civic amenities like drinking water, sanitation etc. Moreover, people of Dharavi were shown various power-point presentations during community meetings, representing to them how Dharavi will be developed in a beautiful manner and even better than what was shown them in the presentation. But there have been two elections of MCGM, two elections of State Assembly and two elections of Parliament and at the campaigning of every election, people were given more and more assurances. Unfortunately, after the elections the government has become completely negative and inactive showing no interest in the implementing of project.

Although, we understand the importance of repairing drinking water pipe that supply water to the entire city of Mumbai, the recent eviction notice to the residents of Pipeline in Dharavi and MCGB's offer of alternative accommodation at **Mahul/ Mandala/Mankhurd** is very far from the present location which is not fair and just and which also violate the affected people's **basic right to life and livelihood** as most of them are involved in hand-to-mouth jobs like domestic help, house-keeping, and recycling jobs. The evictions also constitute a gross violation of the new Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement issued by the **United Nation's** Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing of the **UN Commission on Human Rights**.

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There are about 450 (150, 300 and 450) families including various commercial units have been staying before the year 1995, 2000 and 2010 respectively. And **Mumbai Collector's** survey was carried-out in Dharavi was between July and October, 2000. We hereby trust that as the Asst. commissioner of G/North ward, you will uphold the duty of your office to protect the rights, interests and well-being of all the citizens of your city, including those living on pipeline.

Therefore, we hereby urge you to consider our following demands:

1. A joint survey to be carried-out by **MCGB** along with **PROUD** representatives to ascertain the exact number of families to be affected by pipeline eviction.
2. Alternative house of not less than 300 Sq. ft. to every affected family that is currently living on pipeline.
3. All the affected families be rehabilitated within or nearby Dharavi itself.
4. The commercial establishments with valid licenses and other documents be given the area mentioned in their documents.

This is to kindly inform you that on failing to meet the above mentioned demands, we may have left with no alternative solutions than to resort to peaceful protest agitations.

Faithfully yours,

(**Shri. Liyakat Ali**)
President

(**Shri. Hariram T. Dilliwala**)
Gen. Secretary

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- 1.** The Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner, **MCGB**, Mahanagar Palika Marg, Mumbai, E-mail:ac.gn@mcgm.gov.in
- 2.** **Shri. Eknathrao Gaikwad**, Hon'ble MP, Dharavi, Mum bai.
- 3.** **Smt. Varsha Gaikwad**, Hon'ble Minister & local **MLA**, Dharavi, Mumbai.
- 4.** **Smt. Parubai D. Katke**, Chairperson, **Prabhag Samiti**, G/North Ward, Dadar, Mumbai.
- 5.** All the local Corporators, Dharavi, Mumbai.

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