

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2581**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.02.2014**

**Encroachment of BHEL land in Hyderabad**

2581. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that about 250 acres of land of BHEL situated in Bhopal is under encroachment and it houses 12,000 slum dwellings;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has assured the slum dwellers that no slum dwellings would be removed;
- (c) since when these slum dwellings came into being in the said area and the reasons for not stopping them then and there; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to free the BHEL land from encroachment?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**  
**(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)**

(a): At present, approximately 150 acres of land of BHEL unit located in Bhopal is under encroachment by slum dwellers.

(b): No official communication has been received by BHEL from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard.

(c): The encroachment on the land at Bhopal by the slum dwellers started in 1960s. As such, BHEL has taken measures for safeguarding its land, not under encroachment, by regular surveillance and eviction actions. Since the encroachment of the land by slum dwellers, inter-alia, involves law & order issues, BHEL has been seeking assistance of the local administration for removal/ relocation of the slum dwellers.

(d): BHEL is regularly taking up the matter with the State Government for providing adequate support of law enforcing agencies to get the encroachments of slum dwellers removed from their land.

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