

Title: Need to clear the proposal of Government of Karnataka for improvement of slums in the State-Laid.

SHRI R.S. PATIL (BAGALKOT) : Karnataka propose to take up two major projects of slum improvement on rehabilitation. The project pertains to 21 cities in Karnataka with a population of one lakh and above. This project will benefit 15 lakh slum dwellers in 985 slums all over Karnataka including Bagalkot and Bijapur districts. The total cost is Rs. 753.27 crores and focuses on upgradation of infrastructure, upgradation of houses and constructions of new houses and the training of slum dwellers so as to enhance their income earning capacity and the creation of revolving funds to enable slum dwellers to start micro enterprises.

The second project is a slum project for Bangalore city. It is estimated to cost about Rs. 508.88 crores. The objectives of this project are almost the same as mentioned under project one.

Japan Bank for International Cooperation has expressed its willingness to finance these projects. I, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Finance Minister to clear both these projects immediately without any further delay.