

**Title: Need to revive Prime Minister's Grant Project and release adequate funds to the 'Mumbai Repair and Reconstruction Board'.**

SHRI MILIND DEORA (MUMBAI-SOUTH): Sir, various cities in our country face growing housing problems. In Mumbai, a large majority of the population lives in old and dilapidated buildings and slums. Throughout the year, and especially during the monsoons, old buildings collapse resulting in the death of several residents. The Maharashtra Government had set up the Mumbai Repair and Reconstruction Board with the responsibility of repairing and reconstructing these old buildings.

Unfortunately, due to paucity of funds, the Board which was set up is unable to discharge its responsibilities effectively. Realising this, in December 1985, our then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi created the Prime Minister's Grant Project. At that time, the Union Government granted Rs.100 crore towards an urban renewal programme in Mumbai city, as a result of which many of the old buildings were reconstructed and repaired.

There is an urgent need to revive the PMGP and additional funds need to be released to the Board. Considering the fact that Mumbai city contributes over Rs.50,000 crore annually to the national exchequer, a sum of Rs.250 crore *per annum* must be allocated towards the restoration of these buildings.

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** जो मैटर आपने यहां लिखकर दिया हुआ है, वही पढ़ा जायेगा और जो मैटर आप ज्यादा पढ़ेंगे, वह रिकार्ड पर नहीं जायेगा।

**श्री लक्ष्मण सिंह (राजगढ़) :** उन्हें कृपया बतायें कि उन्हें केवल पढ़ना है, भाण नहीं देना है। माननीय सदस्य पहली बार चुनकर आये हैं, आप इनका मार्गदर्शन करिये। हम लोग भाण देने लगते हैं, तो ऐसा कैसे चलेगा। जब उपाध्यक्ष महोदय ने आसन से आदेश दे दिया तो आप उन्हें बताइये।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You are only to read whatever you are given.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Member, please listen to me. Whatever you are given and whatever has been approved, you are only to read that.