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Title : Need to grant Rs. 800 crores for urban renewal programmes in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

SHRI MILIND DEORA (MUMBAI-SOUTH): Many residents of Mumbai live in old and dilapidated buildings. Throughout the year, and especially during the monsoon, these structures collapse, resulting in deaths of several residents, as well loss of property. The last few weeks have highlighted this acute problem, with the recent collapse of a building in Nagpada and Marine Lines during the early hours of Monday, August 29.

The Maharashtra Government had established the Mumbai Repair and Reconstruction Board with the responsibility of repairing and reconstructing these old buildings. Unfortunately, due to paucity of funds, the Board is unable to discharge its responsibilities effectively. In December 1985, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi created the Prime Minister's Grant Project, to which the Union Government granted Rs. 100 crores for an urban renewal programme in Mumbai. The PMGP resulted in the repair and reconstruction of several dilapidated cessed structures.

There is an urgent need to grant more funds to the Mumbai Repair and Reconstruction Board through the National Urban Renewal Mission, so that the Board can carry out its objective. In this regard, I urge the Urban Development Ministry, Government of India to release Rs. 800 crores immediately to the Maharashtra Government.

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