

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4408**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.02.2014**

**Encroachment of Land of BHEL**

4408. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 250 acres of land of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) in Bhopal have been encroached and 12000 jhuggies have come up on that land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the time since the jhuggis started coming up and the reasons for not stopping them in the beginning itself; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to vacate the said land and check the recurrence of such cases of encroachment on the land of Central Public Sector Undertakings?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): At present, approximately 150 acres of land of BHEL unit located in Bhopal is under encroachment by a number of jhuggi/slum dwellers. BHEL has taken measures for safeguarding of its land not under encroachment by regular surveillance and eviction actions.

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

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