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Press Release

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- **Builders and Land mafia is being given free hand in exploiting people and land in the name of slum rehabilitation: concludes three member panel after hearing affected slum dwellers.**
- **Three member panel consisted of Justice (Retd) Suresh H. , Ex-Municipal Commiosner- Sh Tiniaker and Editor-Maharashtra Times, Sh. Bharat Kumar Raut.**
- **Slum dwellers to intensify the struggle and take it into indefinite form till demands are met.**

The business and the exploitation of the slum dwellers that is going on in the name of rehabilitating slum dwellers, today is a known fact. The Slum Rehabilitation Scheme is primarily to facilitate profiteering by the builders and help them grab lands. This has been reiterated by slum dwellers since last many years. And this is also one of the main finding of the Public Hearing on SRA heard by a three member panel consisting of Justice (Retd) Suresh H., Ex-Municipal Commissioner- Sh. Tiniaker, Ed. Maharashtra Times-Sh. Bharat Kumar Raut.

The three panel member in the Report has observed that "the scheme is pure and simple in favour of builders" and "slum redevelopment is also far from having transparency". The Panel has recommended that a Committee of experts should be formed, consisting of people from public life to take a complete review of the scheme. It has also come out strongly against the concept of cut-off dates as they are of the opinion that there cannot be any cut-off date for right to housing as it would be violation of Art 21 and Art 14.

The Report is going to be submitted to the concerned Ministers, Departments and Authorities and all the affected people demand that if some action and follow up of the issues raised, within next 8 days then the struggle will be intensified and taken into indefinite mode with dharna outside SRA office. Before this, during this period the Report will be taken to the affected communities and regular meetings will be held in the SRA affected areas. If the need be, the issues will be raised in Delhi with Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi.

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