

affidavit of the respondents in this regard that in 1991 they had identified 5 lakhs slum dwellers or pavement dwellers out of population of 29 lakhs and for acquisition and construction of the houses, the budget estimates would be Rs.220 crores. The Government has stopped giving assistance to the Corporation for construction of houses.

This Court in SLP Nos.47-51/96 titled Maha Gujarat Hawkers Vyapar Mahajans etc. v. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation had given directions to regulate hawking. The Corporation has regulated, in terms of the said order, the hawking business on the pavements by dwellers in the city of Ahmedabad within the specified areas and identified some as non-hawking zones in the Scheme which is operated in the city of Ahmedabad. No direction in derogation thereof would be given permitting the pavement dwellers to convert the hutments for commercial purpose. It is also suggested that with the co-operation of the Non-Governmental Organisations and financial participation of the slum dwellers and industrialists the Corporation has introduced Slum Networking Project. Under the scheme, they have provided 35,000 built up individual toilets in the slum areas. Subsidy component to the