

amendment has also been proposed to the State Government in the BPMC Act to enable the Corporations to provide all essential services in the slums situated on the private lands without prejudice to the right, title and interest of the owner of the land and without affecting their rights to remove such hutments by following due process of law. This amendment is considered necessary to maintain health and sanitation in the slums situated on private lands and for improving the quality of life of the slum dwellers till they exist on the private lands. This project having partnership concept of slum dwellers is now in the process of implementation. Efforts are being made to give priority to the unserved\underserved areas under the Project. It is believed that through this project, a large number of slum dwellers will be in a position to avail of the essential services at the place they are situated and improve their quality of life. However, it is beyond the present means of the Corporation to provide rehabilitation to every slum dweller by providing alternate accommodation.

However, this is not to say that the Corporation has permitted section 261[I] to remain on the statute book only. 9754 houses have been duly constructed by the Corporation under the Slum Clearance Scheme for accommodation slum dwellers and allotted to them and another 2220 houses have been constructed under the HUDCO Scheme for economically weaker sections and low income group people and allotted. Besides this, the Corporation has also provided land with necessary infrastructure to 315 hutment dwellers under the site and service scheme and has constructed another 2260 houses for the flood affected hutment dwellers under the Integrated Urban Development Programme.