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**Build Charkop Metro Carshed on vacant plot-
Demand by Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti & People's Representatives**

Mumbai, Thursday: A memorandum signed by 5,149 slum-dwellers demanding change in proposed site for Charkop metro carshed was submitted by the delegation of Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti, Kandivli West to Shri Milind Mhaiskar, Additional Commissioner of Mumbai Mahanagar Region Development Authority (MMRDA) on wednesday, 10th December. The all-party delegation led by Shri Baba Singh included Sarvashri Santosh Rane, Dr. G.S. Yadav, Suresh Gurav and Shivdhani Prajapati.

MMRDA had convened a meeting to discuss the location of Charkop carshed. The meeting was attended by Shri Ram Naik, former Railway Minister and also former M.P. from North Mumbai, Shivsena leader and Goregaon MLA Shri Subhash Desai, Kandivli Congress MLA Shri P.U. Mehta and BJP Mumbai-President & Borivli MLA Shri Gopal Shetty. The representatives of Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti were also present.

The proposed site of metro carshed includes slum areas of Ganesh Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Lalji Pada, Gandhi Nagar, Ekta Nagar and Janata Colony. The 30 year old slum area has nearly 14,000 families, 2,000 shops, small scale industries, workshops, 8 recognized schools, temples, mosques and a church. The all-party Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti is spearheading the agitation through public meetings and signature campaign.

All participants in the MMRDA meeting insisted that the carshed should be built on vacant plot. They also demanded that the State Government should publish a rehabilitation package for project affected persons, metro should be on broad gauge instead of standard gauge, fare should be affordable and like suburban railway fare, facility of monthly and quarterly pass, etc.

The Additional Commissioner, MMRDA Shri Milind Mhaiskar assured to examine the alternative sites suggested by the meeting. He also promised that the views expressed in the meeting will be conveyed to the State Government with their recommendations. Shri Ratnakar Gaikwad, Metroloctician Commissioner, MMRDA did not attend the meeting due to illness.

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Note: Photograph is being sent separately.