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**All party Dharna Agitation against Charkop
Metro Carshed on Friday**

Mumbai, Thursday : "After the spontaneous opposition to survey by MMRDA for Metro Car-Shed, the Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti has announced an all party 'Thiyya -Dharana Andolan' on Friday morning at Lalji Pada, Link Road, Kandivli West. Alongwith thousands of local slum-dwellers, senior leaders viz. S/Shri Ram Naik, Bhai Girkar, Vinod Ghosalkar, J.P. Thakur, Yogesh Sagar of BJP - Shivsena, Shri Sandesh Kondvilkar, State General Secretary, Nationalist Congress Party, Shri Harihar Yadav, District President, Republican Party Shri Girjashankar Yadav, District Secretary, Samajwadi Party, various trade organizations, etc. will participate in the agitation," stated Shri Baba Singh, President, Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti, Kandivli West in a press statement issued today.

Giving additional information Shri Baba Singh said,"As a result of proposed Charkop Metro Carshed, slum areas like Ganesh Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Lalji Pada, Gandhi Nagar, Ekta Nagar and Janata Colony will have to be shifted. These slums are more than 30 years old; having 14,000 families, about 2,000 small shops, workshops, small scale and tiny industries, 8 recognized schools, temples, mosques and a church. In a meeting held in the MMRDA head quarters in the last week the Additional Commissioner Shri Milind Mhaiskar had assured that the MMRDA will again examine the possibility of using existing vacant land and will send their report to the government with appropriate recommendations. However, disregarding the assurance the MMRDA sent the survey team for verifying proposed plot. This resulted in spontaneous outburst of the slum-dwellers and thousands came on the road."

The Zopadpatti Bachav Samiti has now announced the second step of the agitation in form of holding 'Thiyya Dharana Andolon' on Friday, 19th December at 9.00 am at Lalji Pada, Link Road, Kandivli West. Shri Baba Singh and the other committee members have appealed to the citizens to participate in big number.

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