

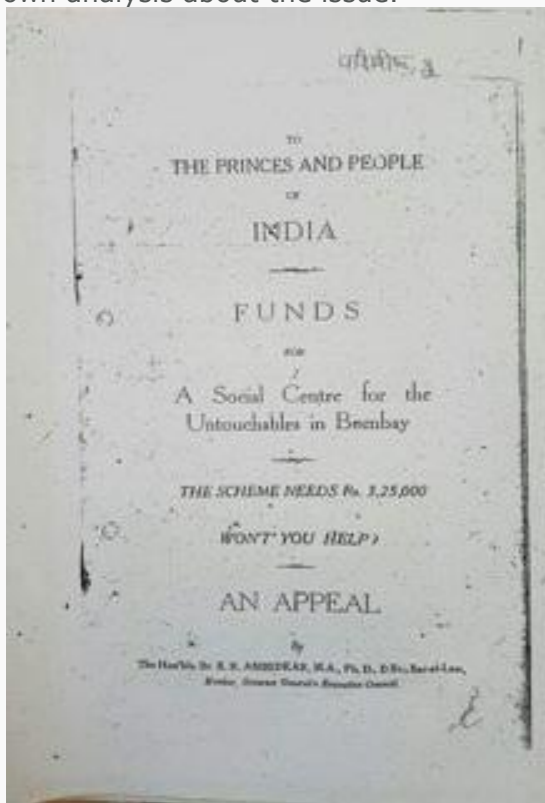
# Demolition of "Ambedkar Bhavan": Historical Facts and Current Controversy!

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On 25-06-2016, some parts of Ambedkar Bhavan situated in Dadar area of Mumbai were demolished by the current Trustees of the "The People's Improvement Trust". The said structure is under the control of "The People's Improvement Trust". In Maharashtra, the political movement among the Ambedkarites is fractured and has many factions. And the recent demolition of the "Ambedkar Bhavan" has added some more fuel to it. This controversy has divided the Ambedkarites in Maharashtra into three groups. One group has been supporting the heirs of Dr Ambedkar and the other is in support of the Trust, the third group belongs to those set of Ambedkarites who are skeptical and have their own analysis about the issue.



*Old Pamphlet by Dr.B.R Ambedkar making an appeal to princely states for the envisioned social centre for Untouchables*

## Chronology of the whole set of events associated with the demolition of Ambedkar Bhavan

**3 December 2015:** The new development plan for the land of People's Improvement Trust notified by Govt of Maharashtra signed by Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavnis.  
**6 December 2015 (Death Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar):** The Trustees of the "The People's Improvement Trust" publicly announces at Chaityabhumi regarding

the new development plan for the construction of "Ambedkar Bhavan". The Trust publicly distributes pamphlets and advertises the plan on various flex banners in the stall near the Chaityabhumi area. (Chaityabhumi: The Final Resting place of the mortal remains of Dr B R Ambedkar)

*14 March 2016:* Notices are issued to Mr. Prakash Ambedkar and other tenants for occupying the building premises of Ambedkar Bhavan. Notices were also pasted on the notice board of the "The People's Improvement Trust".

*14 April 2016:* Inauguration of new, approved building plan of "The People's Improvement Trust" by Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri.Devendra Fadnavis and other dignitaries.

*25-06-2016:* Some parts of the "Ambedkar Bhavan" were demolished by the Trustees, between 2.30 am to 4.30 am.

### **History of "People's Improvement Trust" and "Buddha Bhushan Printing Press"**

Dr B R Ambedkar envisioned a new headquarters for his movement. Since 1938 onwards, Dr B R Ambedkar had started collecting funds for the new building. He appealed to the masses to donate money, Rs. 2 (Males) and Rs. 1 (females), for the collection of funds required to establish the new building. On 19 March 1938, Somvanshi Hitakarini Samaj of Tatewadi (Maazgaon) donated Rs. 101 in memory of Ramji Borikar to Dr B R Ambedkar; it was the first public program of its kind in which such a lump sum donation was made towards the "Building Fund". Various public programs were organized in Mumbai for the same, and Dr B R Ambedkar had addressed people on many occasions on the said program. From 1938 to 1944, a sum Rs. 45095 was collected from the people who worked shoulder to shoulder with Dr B R Ambedkar in his movement.



*Front View of the partly demolished structure*

On 29th July 1944, Dr B R Ambedkar registered "The Bombay Scheduled Caste Improvement Trust". On 30th October 1944, Rs.36535 was paid to Mr. Ambalal Punamchand to purchase a land measuring 2332 square yards. The details of the purchased land are as follows: *Plot No.18D, Survey no 17 A/76 on Gokuldas Pasta Road (Ref: The Bombay Scheduled Caste Improvement Trust, sale deed dated 30/10/1944)*. Later on, a room of 40×50 square feet was constructed on the purchased land. The amount spent on the construction of the room was Rs. 35000. Dr B R Ambedkar dreamt of constructing a three floor building in Mumbai to establish a Central Headquarter for the Depressed Classes Movement. He proposed a building consisting of a Central Office,

a multipurpose Hall and rooms, which would be utilized for the movement. The land was not purchased for the office of the Printing Press.

During 1946-47, Dr B R Ambedkar relocated "Bharat Bhushan Printing Press" from Naigaon to the building of the "Bombay Scheduled Caste Improvement Trust", to avoid further damage due to the riots which took place in that area. Dr B R Ambedkar paid a rent of Rs. 50 per month to the "Bombay Scheduled Caste Improvement Trust" for the printing press. On 13th January 1955, in the sessions court (Case No.RAE Suit No.1095/4920), Dr B R Ambedkar gave his evidence that the land is purchased from the money collected as donations from the people. The case was filed against the illegal encroachment by Mr. Avtar Singh and Others. Until 1975, the court cases were going on in the sessions court, Bombay. The press was defunct for nearly 50 years after the last publication of the "Prabuddha Bharat". Later on a new press was procured to carry out commercial activities, such as printing of wedding cards, pamphlets and other items.



*View from the remaining part of the structure*

On 14th January 1956, in the weekly edition of "Janta", Dr B R Ambedkar published a public advertisement about the "Bharat Bhushan Printing Press". The "Bharat Bhushan Printing Press" was renamed as "Buddha Bhushan Printing Press". Also, it was mentioned that the "Buddha Bhushan Printing Press" was the collective property of the "Bharitya Baudhajan Panchayat". The ownership of Buddha Bhushan Printing Press was transferred to Bhartiya Baudhjan Panchayat. And this was amended in the By-laws of the Bhartiya Baudhjan Panchyat and was submitted to the Charity Commissioner .....( Whenever there is amendment in the bylaws , it has to be submitted to Charity Commissioner) (Reg No.982 (Bom), Appendix No.1).

According to the development plan of BMC, the said land was reserved for a Higher Secondary School. As per the developmental plan (1975) of BMC, instead of a parking lot, a community multipurpose hall was at that place. There were offices of political parties in the said premises. Under section 354, BMC issued a notice to demolish the said structure due to its structural instability. A time period of one month was issued to the Trustees of the "The People's Improvement Trust". In accordance with the law, Trustees of the "The People's Improvement Trust" published various advertisements regarding the demolition of the said structure. The advertisements were published in Lok-Satta, Samrat and Mahanayak. Also notices were sent to the tenants of the said structure. On 14th March 2016, notices were served to Mr. Prakash Ambedkar. He didn't

approach BMC officials or Court to get a stay on the notice issued to him by the Trust. The notices were in public domain from 14th March 2016 onwards.



*Inner view of the demolished structure*

After nearly 46 years of legal disputes, the new Trustees wanted to carry out developmental work in the said land. On 3rd December 2015, Maharashtra Chief Minister, Shri. Devendra Fadnavis changed the developmental plan of the said land from "Secondary School" to "Museum, Auditorium, Library, Community Multipurpose Hall, Training Center"(notification no.CMC/TPB 4315/384/CR-57/2015/UD-11). In the month of April 2016, BMC approved the new 17 storey development plan as proposed by the Trustees. On 14th April 2016, on the eve of 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Dr B R Ambedkar, the newly approved building plan was unveiled and there was an inauguration program attended by Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra also declared in his public address that the "Govt of Maharashtra" will provide special funds for the development of the said building.

*Some personalities involved in the whole controversy:*

Adv. Prakash Yashwant Ambedkar: Grandson of Dr B R Ambedkar. Party Chief, Bharitya Republican Party -Bahujan Mahasangha (BBM)

Mr. Bhimrao Yashwant Ambedkar: Grandson of Dr B R Ambedkar. He is associated with Buddhist Society of India (Meera Tai Yashwant Ambedkar Faction )

Mr. Anandraj Yashwant Ambedkar: Grandson of Dr B R Ambedkar. He is the head of another political outfit "Republican Sena". He registered the FIR against the Trustees.

Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad (IAS Retd): Current Chief Information Commissioner, Maharashtra State Government. Former Chief Secretary to Maharashtra State Government. Current Advisor to "The People's Improvement Trust".

Mr. Yogesh Varhade: Leading NRI Ambedkarite. Head of ACJP (Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace).Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

Mr. Shrikant Gaware: Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

Mr. Nagsen Sonare: Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

Mr. Ajay Bambole: Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

Mr. Uttam Bodwade: Former DCP and Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

Dr. Shinde: Working in KEM and Current Trustee of "The People's Improvement Trust".

### **Politics over the control of Land and Trust**



*Inner View of the partly demolished structure*

An FIR was filed against the current Trustees of "The People's Improvement Trust" by Mr. Anandraj Ambedkar at Bhoiwada police station, Mumbai. Till today no action has been taken by the police. Both parties are involved in the politics over the control of Land and Trust. Both parties held press conferences presenting their points of view. On legal grounds, the defense of the "Trustees" is strong enough whereas the other party has very less chances due to lack of proper documents related to the property of the trust. Ratnakar Gaiwad, the advisor to "The People's Improvement Trust", has made serious allegations against the Ambedkar brothers calling them as thugs and illegal tenants occupying the property of the trust. Mr. Prakash Ambedkar too made serious allegations against the party workers of BSP and cadres of BAMCEF. He mentions in a video circulated on social media that the party workers and cadres of both BSP and BAMCEF respectively were present during the demolition of the structure and they have some vested interests with the current Trustees of "The People's Improvement Trust".



*People assembled for the Press Conference in the partly demolished structure*

When one sees/inspects the Ambedkar Bhavan from inside, one can see that the whole structure is not demolished. Only a certain section which was occupied by the Ambedkar brothers with their respective political offices was demolished. From this, it can be inferred that the very purpose of the demolition of the structure was to vacate the illegal

tenants. Ambedkar brothers are fueling the people's sentiments by stressing that the whole building was important part of the Ambedkarite history. On the contrary, Mr. Ratnakar Gaikwad refuted this fabricated piece of history by the Ambedkar brothers. Only some part of the building, where some offices were functioning, was demolished. The entire Ambedkar Bhavan (a multipurpose hall) was built later on in the 70's but not during the lifetime of Dr B R Ambedkar. The issue of "Heritage" was put forth by the Ambedkar brothers but that too doesn't hold on legal grounds. Suppose the structure had to be placed in the Heritage listing, there is a whole procedure established by the "Central Government Heritage Law". The Heritage Conservation Committee was never involved in granting a "Heritage status" to this particular piece of property.



*Closer View of the Demolished Structure from main entrance*

### **Legal Perspective**

The First Information Report filed by Mr. Anandraj Ambedkar is regarding the robbery of certain office items and cash from the office of Republican Sena. There is no FIR challenging the "Legal Positions" of the Trustees in the "The People's Improvement Trust". The FIR also states that damage was done to the "Printing Press belonging to the complainer". But legally the "Printing Press" is not owned by Mr. Anandraj Ambedkar.



*Some articles in the debris*

Recently, the defense counsel representing "The People's Improvement Trust" presented his case in the court. Some of the questions that were raised by the defense counsel along with certain observations are as follows:

1. For the same crime how can there be two FIRs?

2. One of the Trustees, Mr. Yogesh Varhade was out of India on the day when the demolition was carried out. Then how come he was present at the time of demolition in Dadar?

3. As the Trustees of "The People's Improvement Trust" were themselves shooting the video of the demolition of "Ambedkar Bhavan". It is not evident from the video, shot during the demolition, that the Trustees are involved in any type of robbery or theft. The recorded videotapes have been handed over by the Trustees to the police.

4. Before carrying out the demolition of the "Ambedkar Bhavan". The Trustees of the "The People's Improvement Trust" have already given a written statement to Police, BMC, Electricity Department regarding the demolition to be carried out. BMC had pasted the notice on 1/06/2016 on the walls of "Ambedkar Bhavan".

5. Before proceeding towards the demolition of "Ambedkar Bhavan", "The People's Improvement Trust" carried out "Panchnama" (Record of observation) of all the things that are there in the Bhavan. And hence no trustee is involved in any theft or robbery.

The counsel representing Ambedkar brothers was not in any position to contradict the above observations and hence the matter is sub judice.



*Some Banners*

### **Political Ramifications**

Already the Ambedkarite politics in Maharashtra is fractured. Many political outfits exist in Maharashtra with their own version of "Republican Party of India". As soon as the allegations were made against BAMCEF for their alleged hand in the "Ambedkar Bhavan's" issue, Mr. Waman Meshram (BAMCEF) filed a defamation complaint against Mr. Prakash Ambedkar. Mr. Ramdas Athavale appealed to the masses to calm down and let the Trust construct the new 17 storey building on the said land. He proposed that the Trustees allot a piece of land to the Ambedkar family. Shiv Sena, the political antagonist of the Ambedkarite Movement/Politics, also jumped into the whole controversy to secure some base in the Ambedkarite population. The current Mayor of BMC (Shiv-Sena) issued a press statement to stop any kind of construction activity on the disputed land.



Some Banners

In the entire controversy created due to the power tussle between the Ambedkar brothers and Trustees, the common Ambedkarite is in a much confused state. There are already reported stray incidences of violence between two factions in the Vidarbha region. Ambedkar brothers, along with some communist party cadres, held a protest rally on 19 July 2016. The sentiments and emotions of the common Ambedkarite masses is being politically exploited for their personal feud over the control of Trust and the land associated with it.

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**Documents that are pertaining to the Trust, other legal Documents and advertisements:**

Copy of FIR (Page No.1)



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मुंबई महानगरपालिकेच्या इमारत प्रशास (सदर) विभागाने सी.एम. क्र. १७८/७६, टावर नगरपालिका, पोस्टाळीय कार्यालय, टावर (पूर्व) येथील आंबेडकर भवन इमारत क्रमांक १६/८१/ए/ए/ए/१ अन्वये दिनांक १३.०७.२०१६, संबंधित इमारत असावचेची सूचना (Information of Disappearance) दिलेली आहे. सदर सूचनेतील अट क्रमांक ८ च्या बांधकाम प्रारंभ प्रत्येक वर्षात कर्मचाऱ्यांकर सर्व बांधकामाची सहाय्यी घेऊन अतिरिक्त असावचे बांधकाम विचारित करणे अथवा निश्चयानुषंगी बांधकामाची सहाय्यी घेऊन टप्पाटप्पाने निश्चयन व बांधकाम असा असावचा घेऊन संपूर्ण करून घ्यावा, असे नमुद कल्पनात आलेले आहे. तथापि, सदर इमारत वा अटीचे उल्लंघन केलेले आहे.

मुंबईच्या महापौर शीमती स्नेहल आंबेडकर यांनी दिनांक १२ जुलै, २०१६ रोजी सदर भवनाने वेद दिली होती. तसेच सात दिनांक १३ जुलै, २०१६ रोजी महापौर विभाग, टावर येथे अधिकार्यांसमोर बैठकही घेण्यात आली. या बैठकीत उप आयुक्त (परिचरक - २) श्री. अनंद बागलकर, एक/एडिआ विभागाचे महापंक आयुक्त श्री. विशाल पोटे, सर्वकारी अधिकाऱ्या श्री. शोम हे उपस्थित होते.

महापौरिकेने सात ३५१ नुसार दिलेल्या नोटीस बघीत अटीची पूर्तता बांधकामा व कल्पानुषंगे इमारतीचे उल्लंघन केले आहे. सदर नोटीसीतील अट क्रमांक ३ नुसार अतिरिक्त असावचेच्या इमारतीतील सर्व बांधकामाची बांधी जागा उपलब्ध करून घ्यावा लागतील. बांधी जागा देण्यात आलेली नाही. तसेच या इमारतच्या वीज व पाणीपुरवठा खंडीत कबाब लागली, ही प्रक्रियाही करणान आलेली नाही. इमारत बांधकाम असावचानुषंगे विचारित कल्पवाकटीत याबाब आताबाब व त्याचे टप्पे तयार करून निश्चयित करणे मान्येचे होते. त्यामुळे असावचेच्या सूचनेतील, बांधकाम प्रारंभ प्रत्येक वर्षात विचारितवासाठी लागण-या अटीची पूर्तता कल्पवाकटीत व बांधकाम प्रारंभ प्रत्येक वर्षात कल्पवाकटीत सदर ठिकली पुढे कोणत्याही प्रकारचे बांधकाम करू नये, असे निर्देश महापौरांनी प्रकाशनात दिले आहेत.

Press Note by Mayor of BMC (Shiv-Sena), Snehal Ambekar dated 14-07-2016

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## प्रबुद्ध भारताचे वर्गणीदारांस व एजंटाना विनंती

डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांनी 'भारत भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' चे नांव 'बुद्धभूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' असे ठेवले आहे एवढेच नव्हेतर या प्रेसची मालकी 'भारतीय बौद्धजन समिती'कडे दिली आहे. ही बातमी आपण मार्गच वाचली आहे. या नवीन व्यवस्थेत डॉ. बाबासाहेबांनी 'प्रबुद्ध भारत' साप्ताहिक व बुद्ध भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' यांचा पैशांचा व्यवहार श्री. शां. अ. उपशाम यांच्याकडे संपविलेला आहे. ते सदर प्रेसचे 'ट्रेझरर व अकाउंटंट' म्हणून काम पाहणार आहेत. तरी यापुढे 'प्रबुद्ध भारत' साप्ताहिकाची वर्गणी, देणगी, एजंटंनी पाठवावयाच्या रकमा इत्यादि सर्व प्रकारचे पैसे बाहेरगावच्या लोकंणींमनि ऑर्डरने श्री. सांता राम अनाजी उपशाम खनिनदार प्रबुद्ध भारत, बुद्ध भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस, गोकुळदास पास्ता रोड, दादर, मुंबई नं. १४.चा पत्त्यावर पाठवावेत. प्रबुद्ध भारत साप्ताहिकाचे पैसे श्री. शां. अ. उपशाम यांच्याशिवाय इतर कोणाच्याहि नांवार पाठवू नयेत. मुंबईतील लोकंणींही 'बुद्ध भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' व 'प्रबुद्ध भारत' साप्ताहिक याबद्दलच्या रकमा श्री. शां. अ. उपशाम यांच्याकडे देऊन, त्यांच्याकडून पावती घ्यावी. पावतीशिवाय कोणाकडेच पैसे देऊ नयेत.

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Advertisement of renaming of "Bharat Bhushan Printing Press" to "Buddha Bhushan Printing Press" and ownership of Press by "Bharitya Baudhajan Panchayat" published in Prabuddha Bharat

"जनता,  
१४ जाने. १९५६

निकेदन

मी जाहीर करतो की, 'भारत भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' हा भारतीय बौद्धजन समितीला देला आहे. सदर प्रेस आता या संस्थेच्या मालकीचा झाला आहे.  
या प्रेसचे नाव 'बुद्ध भूषण प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' असे ठेवण्यात आले आहे.

बुद्ध भूषण प्रि. प्रेसची पद्धतशीर व्यवस्था ठेवण्यासाठी मी खालील योजना घ्यावी.

१) हा प्रेस भारतीय बौद्धजन समितीच्या मालकीचा राहिल. प्रेसपासून जे काही पत्र मिळेल ते भारतीय बौद्धजन समितीच्या कार्यासाठी खर्च करण्यात येईल.

२) श्री. यशवंत भी, आंबेडकर पूर्वीप्रमाणेच प्रेसचे मुद्रक व प्रकाशक म्हणून राहिल. त्यांना त्याबद्दल वेतन देण्यात येईल.

४) श्री. शां. अ. उपशाम हे खनिनदार व अकाउंटंट म्हणून काम पाहतील.

५) 'जनता' साप्ताहिक बंद करून त्याऐवजी 'प्रबुद्ध भारत' नावाचे मराठी साहिक सुरू करण्यात येईल.

डॉ. बी. आर. आंबेडकर, चेअरमन.

सभासद :- श्री. भाऊराव कृ. गायकवाड

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आपला

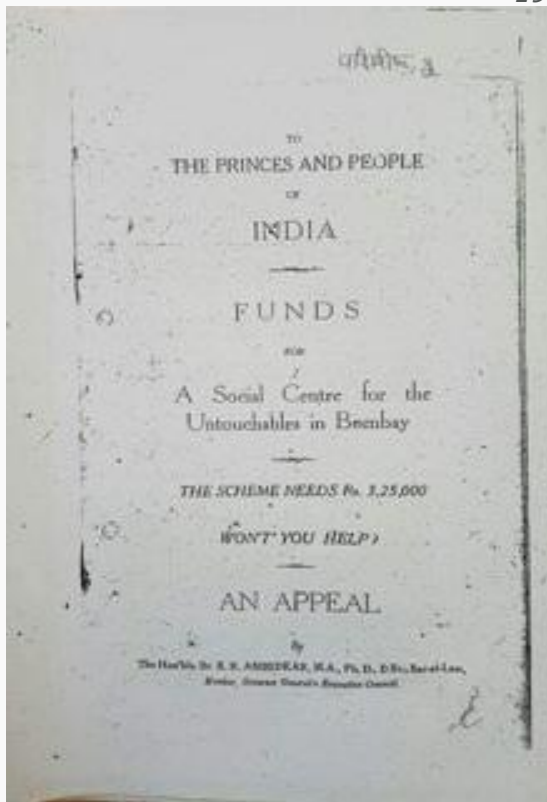
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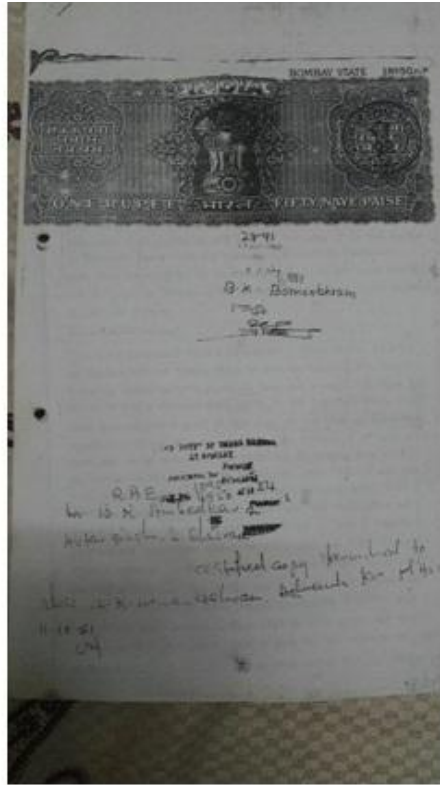
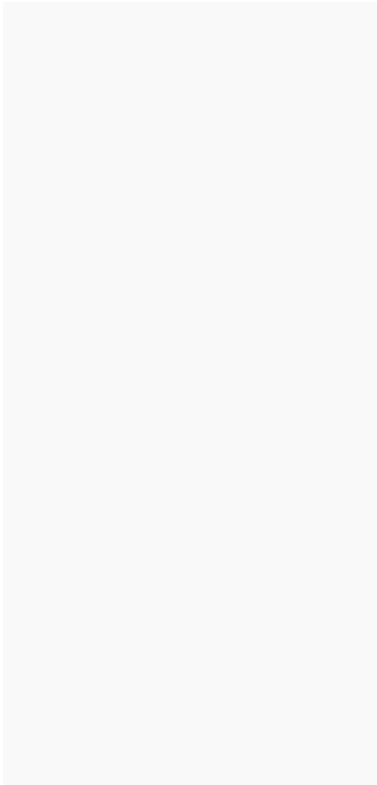
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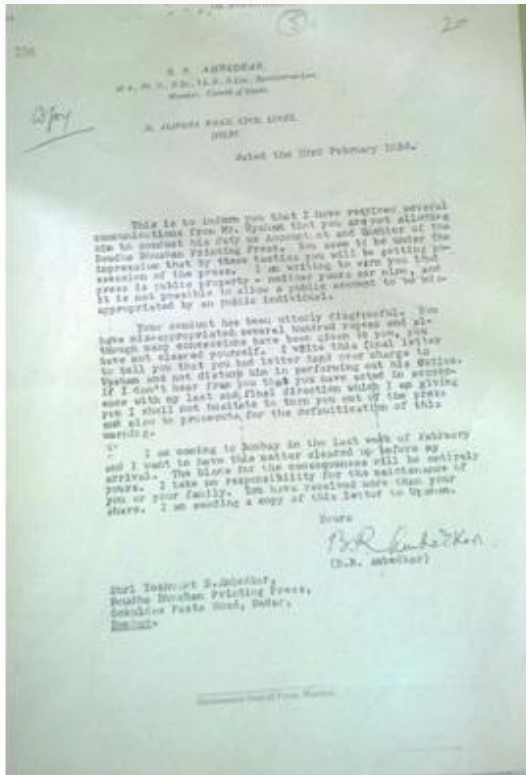
Old Advertisement of Bharat Bhushan Printing Press published in Janta (5th November 1932 edition)



Old Pamphlet by Dr.B.R Ambedkar making an appeal to princely states for the envisioned social centre for Untouchables



Court Case File: Dr B R Ambedkar V/s Mr.Avtar Singh



Letter of Dr.B.R Ambedkar to his son Yashwant Ambedkar regarding management of the "Buddha Bhushan Printing Press".

to what I am told, he was the one who was to put up the  
 wall and other building.  
Statement by Mr. Kulkarni  
 I entered into agreement of purchase of the land in  
 my personal capacity for the purpose of the Trustable.  
 The building was constructed on this plot. It is not my  
 personal property. It is Trust's property. I do not remember  
 who it was constructed. I do not remember whether the build-  
 ing was constructed before or after the creation of the  
 Trust. At the time of agreement I was an open piece of  
 land. A Printing Press Bhawal Shastri was in the build-  
 ing. The Press is somebody's private property. The press is  
 not included in the Trust. I am legally the owner of the  
 Press, not beneficially. There is hardly any income from the  
 Press. After the creation of the Trust, there was nothing  
 to manage. It was an open piece of land. Rent was paid to  
 the Improvement Trust (i.e. the Trust). It was about 20 rupees  
 per month. My son was not managing this property. Our idea  
 was to put up a building. He could not get building materials  
 to construct.  
 In 1948, I was in Debt mostly, occasionally some

Earlier documents of printing press when the ownership was with Dr.B.R Ambedkar

**BRHANNUMHAI MAHANAGARPALIKA**  
 Office of the Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, No. 4, Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400 004  
 Notice under section 354 of the Municipal Corporation Act 1947 and Section 475  
 of M.M.C. Act

Notice No. A.C.T. 02/2018/17 dated 17/07/2018, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405

To:  
 The Owner / Occupier / Tenant  
 Mr. Shri. Nandji Dattatraya  
 The People's Improvement Trust  
 Dr. P. Subashini Ambedkar Uranvan,  
 Chokhale Panta Road, Dadaoj Fort,  
 Mumbai - 400 014.

WHEREAS, it appears to me that the certain structure in which a portion of  
 the building on premises known as The People's Improvement Trust, Dr. Ambedkar Uranvan,  
 situated at Chokhale Panta Road, Dadaoj Fort, Mumbai-400 014 of which you are the  
 owner / occupier / Tenant of the building which is in serious condition likely to fall or in any  
 way dangerous to any person occupying or passing by such structure or any  
 other structure or place in the neighborhood thereof. I hereby require you under section 354  
 of Municipal Corporation Act to vacate and pull down the structure / building and to  
 prevent all cause of danger therefrom.

I further hereby require you under the aforesaid section of the Municipal Corporation  
 Act, before proceeding to pull down the same and before the said structure is set up a  
 proper and sufficient board or fence for the protection of passers by and other persons. I give  
 you notice, that if within 30 (Thirty days) days from the service or receipt hereof this  
 regulation be not complied with you will render yourself liable to prosecution under section  
 475 A of the said act and I may therefore, pursuant to the provision of section 480 of the  
 said Act, take such measures or cause such work to be executed for such thing  
 requirements to be done as mentioned in the notice under section 354 of M.M.C. Act as  
 shall in my opinion be necessary for giving due effect to this regulation and you will be  
 liable for the expenses thereof which will be recovered from you in the manner provided  
 under section 490 (1) and 491 (1) of the said Act before the appropriate forum / court of  
 law. No portion of the structure within the regular line of the street may be reconstructed  
 nor anything within the scope of section 342 of the said Municipal Corporation Act, other  
 than the work which you are expressly required by this notice to be made or done without  
 previously giving notice thereof as required under section 342 aforesaid.

However, it may be mentioned that Executive Engineer (B.P) City-02's office has  
 already granted I.O.D. vide no. EB084655A, dt. 13/04/2016 for reconstruction of the  
 building under reference. As per I.O.D. condition the demolition of existing structure is a  
 prerequisite for granting C.C. and hence the I.O.D. holder is always entitled to demolish  
 the building under reference.

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In view of above and to safe guard previous public / occupants / property's  
bes property and using provisions of section 475 of M.M.C Act, this office will take such all  
measures and comply the requirements of the notice including putting down the  
dilapidated building at the risk and cost of owner / occupier / tenants / society / trust  
developer if you failed to comply to regulation of notice within notice period.

18/04/24  
Ward Executive Engineer, FHS ward.

Note :-

- 1) Under section 58 of the Municipal Corporation Act, The Municipal  
Commissioner for Greater Mumbai has empowered the Lt. Designated Officer,  
Fifteenth Ward to exercise perform & discharge all the powers, duties and functions  
conferred and imposed upon and vested in the commissioner by section 304 and  
486 and necessary under section 491 of the M.M.C. Act and subject to punishment  
under section 475 A of M.M.C. Act.
- 2) Notice is issued without verifying the authenticity of structure, unauthorized  
extension / addition/modification if any in the building. This notice does not allowed  
authorization to such unauthorized structure, extension / addition / alteration in the  
building, hence NCCM is at liberty to initiate the legal action deemed fit to such  
extension / addition / alteration.
- 3) The landlord owner / developer have to arrange alternate accommodation to the  
tenants as per norm / prevailing laws and as per right of tenants, M.C.C.M. will not  
be the party, if any dispute arises between you and occupiers / tenants in any court  
proceeding.
- 4) You are hereby directed to take precaution such that the adjoining plots and the  
structures should not be damaged, while putting down your structure under  
reference, if any mishap and damaged occurs to the structures and to lives of the  
people while putting down the building, this office will not be held responsible.
- 5) If any dispute arises regarding the ownership of the plot and structure this office will  
not be held responsible.
- 6) The work of putting down of building shall be executed under supervision of licensed  
structural Engineer registered with MCOEM.
- 7) Before starting the work, you shall inform this office in advance along photo with  
program under intimation of C.F.O.
- 8) While execution of work, if any mishap takes place, this office will not be held  
responsible.

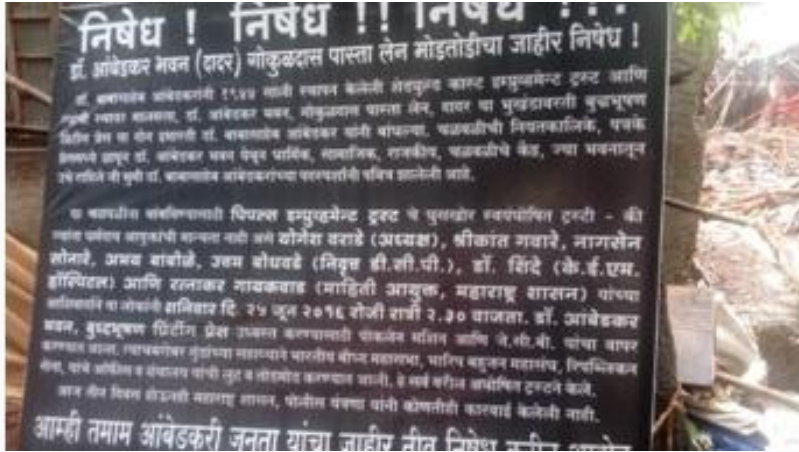
18/04/24  
Ward Executive Engineer, FHS ward.

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the property and credits of respondent Jagdish Prasad  
Jagdish Prasad Prasad Prasad on the 1st day of Sept-  
-ber 1944 the Vendor was authorized to complete the  
-sale and execute the necessary deed of sale or such other  
-document necessary in that behalf in favour of the Purcha-  
-sers ~~FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DEED~~ that in pursuance of  
-the said agreement and in consideration of the Judge's  
-Order dated the 1st day of September 1944 in consideration  
-of the sum of Rs. 18225/- (Rupees eighteen thousand two hundred and twenty  
-five only) paid in part payment as aforesaid and of the  
-further sum of Rs. 17920/- (Rupees seventeen thousand and  
-three hundred only) to the Vendor paid by the Purchasers  
-on or before the execution of these presents making to-  
-gether the said sum of Rs. 36145/- (Rupees thirty six  
-thousand five hundred and forty five only) the Vendor  
-whereof the Vendor hath hereby sold and acknowledged and  
-of and from the same and every part thereof hath hereby  
-solely released and discharged the purchasers and their  
-the Vendor hath hereby granted, conveyed and assured unto  
-purchasers for ever and to the heirs, assigns, executors, ad-  
-ministrators, assigns and assigns unto the purchasers all with  
-the said piece of land situate at the East side of Dady  
-Road and South side of Goolkas Patta Road at Dady with  
-out the Part of Bombay in the Registration Sub-Division  
-of Bombay and more particularly described in the Schedule  
-and contained in the following Table and also more particularly  
-hereunder mentioned hereinafter referred to for hereby's  
-sale as the said proceeds) and all the estate right title  
-interest property claim and demand whatsoever at law and  
-in equity of the Vendor of in and to the said proceed-  
-sers hereby granted conveyed confirmed and assured or  
-expressed to be with their appropriate consent and to the  
-use of the purchasers for ever subject to the payment  
-of all rates and taxes hereinafter due and to be paid

Copy of the page of sale deed of land to "Bombay Scheduled Caste Improvement Trust"  
More Pictures of the demolished building



Some Banners



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*Preamble to Constitution of India in the Ambedkar Bhavan lane*

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