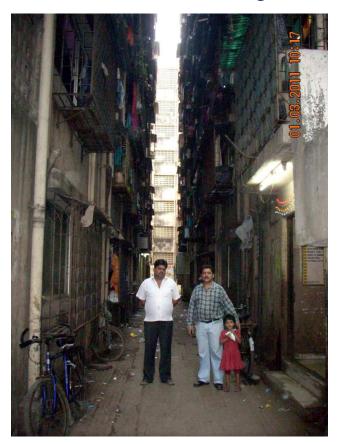
RNA Corp's project for Project Affected People at Oshiwara between Goregaon and Jogeshwari West



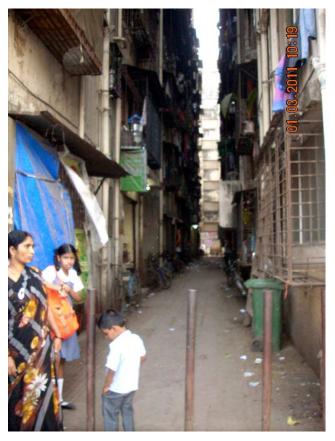
Please notice the crack repairs on the wall of the second building from right.

Also notice narrow spaces between these 8-storeyed buildings.

Building Entrances and Ventilation



There is barely enough space for four adults to walk side-by-side in the narrow alleys between these buildings. Over 10,000 persons are living in such conditions, cramped into 1948 tenements built like this.



There is no space and no provision for firebrigade vehicles or fire-fighting personnel. If there is a fire in one building, heat and smoke will fill the entire alley and trap hundreds of people.



Many of the alleys are covered with filth — an invitation to chronic diseases. This is not a monsoon picture. As the date shows, this photo was taken in March. Building Foundation, Sewage chambers and Water-Supply side-by-side.



Underneath this layer of filth is the water-tank and the sewage chamber, side-by-side. There is a rule that the sewage chamber should be 1.5 metres from the building, so that the foundations are not eroded. There are rules and regulations that water supply and sewage chamber must be kept apart, and that water-supply tank must be substantially above ground level. As you can see, all these rules have been overlooked by both RNA Corp and MMRDA..



Here, the water-tank is higher -- a good thing, because the sewage is overflowing and forming a puddle next to the drinking water tank.



There is a thick layer of filth everywhere. Rats such as the one circled move freely between water tank and sewage tank, as there are holes in both.

Roads surrounding RNA's PAP project





This is the condition of the wide roads surrounding RNA's slum rehabilitation project. Where is the road? Where are the lamp-posts? There is only debris and slum-like conditions everywhere.



This is the quality of project implementation by renowned developers like RNA Corp. But even more damning, this is the quality of supervision by MMRDA, the apex planning and project implementation body of Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Evidently, the State's present Chief Secretary Ratnakar Gaikwad found this work acceptable when he was head of MMRDA, and so he discharged the builders from their responsibilities, and handed over 32 such "completed" R&R projects to MCGM in September 2010. Cleaning up this mess will cost the city Rs 640 crore... And guess who will foot the bill? You, Mr Taxpayer, you! The builders are laughing all the way to the bank!