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ADOPT HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CHECK SLUMS - SHIVRAJ V. PATIL

CHANDIGARH, JULY 22: The Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil, after releasing book on Chandigarh Slums authored by Dr. Bindu Duggal at CRRID, here today, said that need of the hour is to adopt holistic approach to check slums in the cities and provide human rights to slum dwellers.

Government should do all that is necessary and possible to solve the problem. Individuals, NGOs, Industry and others can help. Individuals having big houses can have servant quarters in the compounds of their houses, big industries, should provide housing facilities to their employees. If that is done, the workers can save their energy and time and help in providing better results. Governments should build houses for their employees. Government should have projects and plans to provide houses to the slum dwellers, and others having no shelter. New technologies for the purpose should be produced and used. More funds should be provided for the purpose. Those who live in slums should have access to medical, educational and transport facilities.

Rights and duties are two sides of one coin. Those who ask for rights for themselves should perform duties towards others. That is applicable to all the citizens. Rights cannot be meaningfully provided unless, duties are done by the governments, NGOs and individuals towards others. For this purpose, the chapter on fundamental rights, and the chapter on fundamental duties of the citizens can be made to have more rights and more duties. If that is not going to happen in near future, at least efforts should be done to have an approach towards the solution of the problem, with principles, given in the covenants of human rights made by the U.N. and the concept of duty followed in Indian culture.

Prominent amongst others who were present on the occasion included, Mr. M.P. Singh, Secretary to Governor, Mr. Rashpal Malhotra, Executive Vice Chairman, CRRID, Professor Mr. R.P Bambah, Senior Vice Chairman, governing Body, CRRID.

