



GADAKANA RAY HOUSING PROJECT & INCLUSION OF CHILD FRIENDLY COMPONENTS

Bhubaneswar has 436 slum pockets under Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) of which about 70,000 households were identified under Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY). Gadakana RAY housing project is one of the projects of BMC. This project covers 600 household and it was sanctioned for the slum dwellers of Mancheswar Mundasahi, Patra Sahi and Dasraja basti. The union government had given 50 percent of the project cost, while the state shared 30 percent and the beneficiaries 20 percent respectively. It was inaugurated on the month of September 2014 with the total cost of the project being 54 crores.

Role of Humara Bachpan Child Leaders

On the foundation stone laying day, 20 child leaders from Humara Bachpan campaign visited the site and had submitted their charter of demands along with a design

of the housing structure to Mr. Puspendra Singh Deo, Urban and Housing Development Minister of Odisha to include child friendly components and ensure children participation in it.

Since the child leaders of Bhubaneswar share a very good rapport with the city Mayor Shri Ananta Narayan Jena, he had specially asked the child leaders to visit Gadakana RAY house and give their feedback on it during the construction phase. 20 child leaders went for an audit to the project site to see the status of inclusion of child friendly components in it. The houses had included many of the recommendations given by the children. The rooms were well ventilated with windows, the toilets had small toilet pans which could be used both by the children and the adults, the steps to the buildings were of low height and most importantly there was a separate area allocated as play space for the children.

