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Dear Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Ji,

I am happy to listen your speech on Interim Budget this year in which you have said that security of passengers and trains is the paramount priority of Indian Railways. In my constituency there are around 3000 Jhuggies along Railway Track. These are very close to the track and life of the Jhuggies dwellers and passengers is also at risk. In 2003 railways had paid to Delhi Government about Rs. 10.5 Crores for their removal and resettlement. This was an exception made by Indian Railways on the intervention of the then Prime Minister Sh. Atal Vihari Vajpayee ji. Former Prime Minister Late Sh. V.P. Singh sat on Dharna when the railway authorities were removing the Jhuggies under <u>PP Act.</u> Due to delay in removal and resettlement of these jhuggies dwellers, the cost of construction of elevated Rail Track for Ring Railways at Rampura has also escalated 3 to 4 times.

You are requested to depute some senior and competent official to resolve this long standing problem. As a way out I suggest that high rise flats be constructed along the railway line behind Punjabi Bagh Transport Centre and Golden Park where ample space is available. I hope you will do the needful at your end at the earliest although I know you will be busy in Elections for Sixteenth Lok Sabha.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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