

Joint Legislature Committee (JLC)/ Shri A. T. Ramaswamy Committee:

Alarmed at the vanishing public spaces and land-grabbing, there were heated discussions in the Karnataka Legislature March 2006 and the Hon'ble Speaker of the House, constituted a Joint Committee of the Legislature (JLC) in June 2006 with 17 members belonging to all parties to go into the details of the problem such as the magnitude of land grabbing in Bangalore Urban District, the nature and extent of encroachments, names of encroachers and land-grabbers and solution to resume the land and measures to prevent future encroachments. Shri A. T. Ramaswamy, MLA, was appointed as the JLC's Chairman and V. Balasubramanian, IAS, Retired Additional Chief Secretary as the JLC's Adviser. The JLC made detailed enquiries and submitted two Reports on 21st December 2006/1st February 2007 and 26th July 2007 to the Legislature. The Government is viewing seriously to resume the encroached land and instructed all the custodian of the lakes to take immediate action for removal of encroachments and as per the Committee the total encroachments from all the custodians is 426A-37G and 150A-16G is already removed as per the Karnataka Public Lands Corporation Limited meeting held on 16.08.2013 under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department.