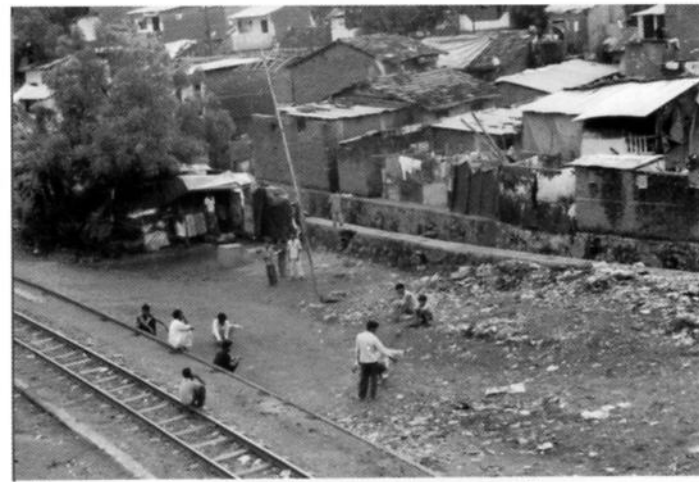


made into an art form, no less! Their long term strategy is to take over Mumbai's "informal housing" (a euphemism



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for squatters living in slums), where over 50% of Mumbai residents live. While any slum clearance is controversial, the cartel are going to publicly lead with their strongest spin card, which is that squatters waste land as their tiny shacks are only single storey. As the article reports, the cartel's goal is take over the land and build more profitable high-density but low-quality high rise buildings, turning horizontal slums into vertical slums. While we frequently hear of how India is following China in terms of rapid economic success, now you know the reason why no people whom we met claimed to have received any benefit from India's so-called economic boom.

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