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MUMBAI: A day after the <u>Oshiwara police</u> withdrew support for the demolition drive, the BMC demolished another 90 structures at SVP Nagar and <u>Laxmi Industrial Estate in Andheri</u> (west).

The demolition started from January 3. So far, around 150 structures have been razed. Civic officials said that the demolition would continue according to the availability of police bandobast. "As an impact of our demolition, people have started removing their structures themselves," said an official.

The Bombay high court had, in 2009, empowered the BMC to raze 4,232 plots in 98 Mhada layouts scattered across Adarsh Nagar, SVP Nagar and the Laxmi Industrial Estate. The low income group houses were allotted in the 1980s on the condition that the residents adhere to building plans. But over the years, alterations were carried out on 90% of the houses, many of which were sold or let out to TV actors.