



One Home One Toilet



Sambhaji Nagar is a slum which has approximately 2,725 people in 545 houses.

The slum has been there since 1990, there is no source of water other than a single water stand post at the bottom of the slum which caters to 545 households with 2,725 people. The water that comes through this water stand post goes through a gutter and hence the water is not clean when it comes out of the stand post. There is no water on Fridays however, rest of the days there is 24 hours water supply. Due to the fact that there are so many industries nearby there is a lot of hazardous emission of gases because of which a lot of the kids are known to fall sick in this settlement.

There is no medical care nearby apart for the medical van that comes to the settlement, the closest medical care is at Vashi which is 12 kms from Sambhaji Nagar.

SAMBHAJI NAGAR

SLUM AREA: 23,000 sq m.

C.T.B. SEAT TO PERSON RATIO: 1:395

NO. OF C.T.B: - 10



Fig 1. Sambhaji Nagar Plan.



Fig 2. House No. 350, location in Sambhaji Nagar

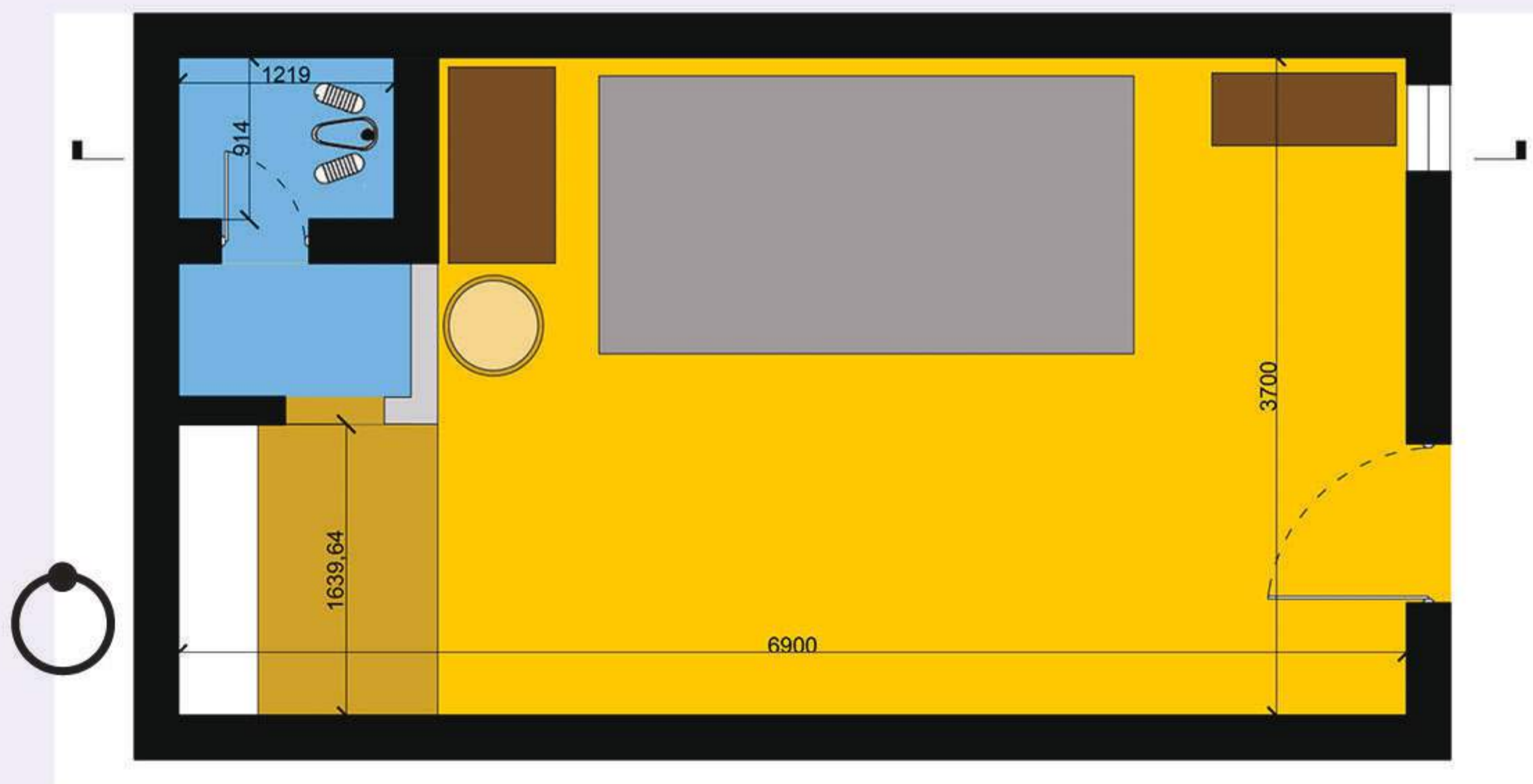


Fig 3. Plan of the House No. 350 (not to scale, dimensions in mm)

House No.: -350

Name: **Bhau Hanumant Warghade**
Anita Bhau Warghade

The couple has been staying here since 1995 now.

They are from Mohkhada, Jawar and belong to a tribal community in Palghad. They used to stay there but moved to Navi Mumbai for work with the hope of a better lifestyle and to start a family. They have very strong religious beliefs as it has been reflected on the walls of their house. The door of the house has “shobh lab” which means “may you get prosperity” and has images of various Hindu deities on the wall.

Hanumant Bhau is 53-54 years old and Anita is 48-50 years old. Hanumant Bhau works as a house keeper and his wife is involved in working at construction sites under the masons which she has started doing recently. They organize bhajjans and kirtans at their house and are welcoming to anyone who comes to their house. They do not own a lot of modern day material things such as a mixer but however they were keen on building a toilet in their house of 4ft by 3 ft.

The couple decided to get their own toilet because there were only two community toilet blocks out of which one of them did not have proper locks and the other wasn't maintained well. There were times that the husband had to accompany his wife to the C.T.B and it used to become difficult at times when he wasn't at home.



Fig 4. Section of the House No. 350 (not to scale,

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The factor that the area was not safe especially during the night since it was an industrial area. The couple made the toilet within three to four days of material delivery.

The irony of this house is that, they have the bath area outside near the kitchen which is very contradictory to their religious beliefs and they have the toilet right in front of the kitchen. They use the bath area to also wash their utensils which is every rare coming from a conservative mindset.

The slum falls under the Forest Department of India; however, they are not involved with the facilities provided to the community. Most of the people work in the close by industrial factories and earn ₹250 for a day. The C.T. B's in Sambhaji Nagar are free of charge. The houses in this settlement are mostly kaccha houses made of aluminum sheets and bamboo sticks. A large number of people living in this slum belong to the tribal community and they do a lot of Warli paintings.



Fig 5. Image of the toilet that is 4ft by 3 ft.



Fig 6. Mori that is presently used as a bath area



Fig 7. "Shub laab" written on the door, with idols of God on the door.



Fig 8. The living room with deity's images.