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Title: Regarding problems being posed by Kodungaiyur dumping yard in Chennai -laid.

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY (CHENNAI NORTH): The Kodungaiyur dumping yard is the largest solid waste dump in the city of Chennai. From a small patch of land, the dump yard has grown rapidly over the last two decades, to the point where it now accommodates mixed garbage from 7 out of 10 corporation zones. The living conditions for residents living in the vicinity of the dump are miserable. The constantly smouldering garbage dump releases a shroud of toxic smoke that is blamed for the rampant health problems in the neighbourhood. Local residents are frustrated that years of petitioning, protesting and meeting officials have brought no respite. On 23rd August, 2006, an air sample was taken inside the dumping ground that revealed the presence of 9 toxic chemicals including 3 carcinogens. Unfortunately, my constituency has Kodungaiyur dumping yard which is causing severe health hazard. I, therefore, request the Union Government to set up a Bio-Mining and possibly power generation from the waste.