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Title: Request the government to allocate fund for the Kodungaiyur dump yard at Chennai North.

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY (CHENNAI NORTH): Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise an important matter during the Zero Hour. In my parliamentary constituency, there is a place called Kodungaiyur dump yard. I have spoken about this earlier. It extends to several acres and it is more than 100 feet high. This is causing a lot of health hazards, like respiratory troubles, skin problems and allergies to around ten lakh people. I am sure, this is not a problem confined to Chennai alone. Most of the major cities, including the metropolitan cities, like Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and most of the capitals of the States are having this problem.

Sir, I would like to request the Government, particularly the Ministry of Environment and Forest, to allot funds so that the issue of these dump yards in major cities can be addressed. It is because individual State Governments are not able to focus on a single constituency saying that such a huge fund cannot be allocated for this purpose because the fund requirement for this is to the tune of around Rs. 1500 crore. The State Governments are finding it a huge burden.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the Government to take appropriate action and help us out of this situation. Thank you.