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Title: Need to provide financial support to address the waste management at Kodungaiyur Dumpyard, the largest dumpyards of Chennai.

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY (CHENNAI NORTH): Sir, my constituency has a dumpyard, called Kodungaiyur Dumpyard, which is one of the largest dumpyards of Chennai where 75 per cent of the waste of Chennai is brought and dumped. You will be surprised to know that the extent of this dumpyard is about 350 acres and the height of the dump is as high as 300 ft. This has caused a lot of health problems. Almost 10 lakh people are suffering from respiratory illness and skin diseases. These people are not even aware that such kind of a danger is surrounding them because they are so much used to it that they have accepted it as a way of life.

I am sure that several cities in India like Mumbai and Hyderabad are facing problems like this. I do not know, Sir, whether in your State Kerala the dump yards are an issue. But I am sure that the dump yards are a huge problem in most of the major cities. The problem is that the State Government does not have the finances to spend on cleaning up this. They are talking of a requirement of about Rs.1,500 crore. I would request the Central Government to give us a partnership where 60 or 70 per cent of the cost can be given to the State Government to help them so that all the people who are suffering will be relieved of their problem.

There is something called biomining which is very useful for this kind of projects. This can be done on a scale that can be replicated in all

major cities. I am not asking this for my Constituency alone. If you can do that for my Constituency, I will be happy. I hope that the Central Government will consider this and take action. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Shri DNV. Senthilkumar S. is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy.