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Title: Need to eradicate manual scavenging in the country.

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR (ARAMBAGH): Sir, in spite of the fact that it is illegal, Government officers and private agencies are increasingly employing persons as manual scavengers on daily basis across the country. People die in sewer line and septic tanks. They should be given modern equipment. The atrocious practice continues rampantly across the country causing loss of dignity and lives of *dalits*.

Hence, I would urge the Government to take immediate steps to eradicate manual scavenging and rehabilitate them.