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Title: Request the central government to resolve the problem of Ghazipur landfill and prepare a national policy for waste management.

**SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR (EAST DELHI):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, first of all, I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity as this is my maiden speech in this august House. I would like to thank our hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi for showing trust in me and giving me this great opportunity that I can bring a positive change in the society.

I read somewhere and I quote:

*“Yeh sheher bhi kya sheher hai ...  
Hawaon mein dhuaan ... fizaon mein zeher hai ...”*

The biggest problem right now in our State is environmental pollution. It is a matter of great concern. Due to this pollution, the everyday life of the common man is getting affected.

Just because of this pollution, schools get shut every year. The State issues advisory that people should not come out of their houses if it is not necessary. But what are we actually doing for this? Unfortunately, we are not doing enough.

According to WHO, 14 out of 15 most polluted cities in the world are from India and Delhi is unfortunately the most polluted capital in the world.

I would like to talk about my constituency. My constituency, East Delhi constituency, is famous for the largest and oldest garbage dump, Ghazipur landfill. It was started in 1984. I think,

there is nothing that is “away”. When we throw something, it goes somewhere and, in this case, the garbage from eastern, central, and old Delhi finds its way to the Ghazipur landfill.

The Ghazipur landfill has reached a height of 65 metres, which is just eight metres less than the height of the national monument Qutub Minar.

I would definitely like the hon. Minister concerned to take necessary steps to come up with some action plan before it gets too late and we reach a point where there is no return.

Finally, since the public has no hope from the State Government, I request the Central Government to resolve the problem of Ghazipur landfill and prepare a national policy for waste management.

Thank you.

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छेदी पासवान जी, आप माननीय सदस्या के बाद बोलिएगा ।

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