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Title: Issue regarding garbage disposal and its collection in the country.

SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA (AMALAPURAM): Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir. Today, I am going to address an important issue about garbage disposal and its collection.

Improper garbage disposal is not just an eyesore, but it poses a serious threat to nature. Further, the rotting waste and garbage starts to stink, and hungry animals lurk around to feed on it. It is an open invitation to breeding of parasites and pathogens paving way for harmful diseases.

In order to get rid of the mass amount of garbage it is burnt, which further leads to release of toxic chemicals and results in environmental pollution. A case in point is the example of Ghazipur, here in the capital city, which is turning into a manmade hill of dump waste. According to a Parliament Standing Committee Report, it is as long as the *Qutub Minar*. This is only an example that I have cited through, but in reality, it is the same scenario through out the country. Especially this effects a lot during the monsoon.

We are aiming to create world-class cities whereas the waste management methods remain outdated. The reality is that no gloves are being used while collecting waste. Further, they do not even have proper masks, and their health is largely neglected. Garbage trucks and carts also remain in poor condition with water seeping through them as they travel on roads and this is in cities.

Our hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Modi, has put efforts and stress on the issue of encouraging the *Swachh Bharat* programme, and I feel that it is the duty of every citizen -- starting from the lower employees to the higher authorities -- in the State to keep their cities, villages and towns clean.

Thank you, Sir, for giving me extra time to speak and conclude my submission.