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Title: Need for proper disposal of non-biodegradable waste material in the country.

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): Madam Speaker, this is a very important issue. Non-biodegradable solid waste is inundating our country across the entire landmass from North to South and East to West. Our land is being layered with such toxic waste every single minute of the day.

About 1.2 billion people every single minute are using and throwing plastic and other non-biodegradable waste including everything from food packing, gutka/supari/cigarette packing, plastic bottles, sachets, used batteries, electrical parts, disposable diapers, sanitary ware and medical waste. It is being dumped unscientifically in villages, towns and cities. This is a serious threat to our lives and well-being of every Indian irrespective of class, caste, creed or race.

The companies making non-biodegradable packaging are delighted. But it is destroying our entire landmass every second of the day unless there is an enforcement of right disposal principles. The enforcement should cover all aspects from education, awareness building, regulation, oversight aspects as well as mandates and targets to the State and local Governments.

HON. SPEAKER: You are not to read the whole page.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI D.K. SURESH : The *Swacch Bharat Programme* of the Government focuses mainly on the crucial issue of human sanitation and cleaning up of roads. Therefore, my question is this.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : इसमें प्रश्न नहीं करते हैं, आप अपना सुझाव रखिए।

SHRI D.K. SURESH : Does the Government have any plan to have a National Trash Mission or Programme that will comprehensively manage non-biodegradable material which is being generated at an alarming and exponentially increasing rate.