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Title: Regarding the eradiction of manual scavenging and to bring about 100 percent mechanised sewage cleaning.

SHRI DNV. SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): The House must be aware of the evil affects of manual scavenging and the number of lives that have been lost due to this social menace. It is a national shame that this inhuman practice still exists. A few particular castes are involved in this process of manual scavenging. Recently, in Chennai, in a luxury mall one life was lost during manual scavenging. It is very sad to say that even people with money do not have the heart to spend for 100 per cent mechanised sewage cleaning.

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So, I would like to know what protocols and procedures are available with the Government to totally eradicate manual scavenging and to bring about 100 per cent mechanised sewage cleaning.

Sir, only through the Chair, I can suggest that we should do away with the spittoons in the Lok Sabha premises because it involves the health of the Members and that too is a form of manual scavenging. You may kindly consider this.