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Title: Need to review the decision to dispose of toxic hazardous waste from Union Carbide Factory, Bhopal at DRDO Plant, Nagpur keeping in view its potential environmental impact on the ecology of Nagpur and its surrounding region.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): I bring to the notice of the Government about a very serious matter concerning the people of Nagpur. The decision of the Government for disposal of toxic hazardous waste from the Union Carbide Factory (Bhopal) to the DRDO Plant, Nagpur will be a great injustice to the people of Nagpur and Vidarbha in Maharashtra. The incineration and the consequent air and soil pollution will have a severe impact not only on the health and life of the people of Vidarbha but the entire State of Maharashtra. Vidarbha region is already engulfed with maximum pollution emanated by the number of coal based thermal power plants located in the area surrounding Nagpur. It is really a matter of surprise as to how it will be justifiable to pack and transport the toxic material from Bhopal to Nagpur for disposal. Presumably the purpose of shifting of this waste from Bhopal to Nagpur is to liquidate the hazardous implications in Bhopal. But it would amount to creating the same implications to the people of Nagpur as the incineration of the highly toxic waste is fraught with hazardous and catastrophic health problems.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to have a clear cut policy about the disposal of such toxic material at places quite far away from places thickly populated and all necessary steps need to be taken immediately to prevent the transportation of toxic material from Bhopal to Nagpur in order to maintain the ecology of Nagpur and Vidarbha.