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Title: Air pollution in Delhi.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): It is frightening to note that the capital city of Delhi has become a virtual smoke house and it has become one of the most polluted cities in the world. The criminal negligence on the part of the authorities is unpardonable as it is damaging the health of the millions of people living in Delhi especially young children. Respiratory health and lung function are worst affected by air pollution. Premature deaths occur due to air pollution and the life span is considerably reduced. We need to be conscious that this issue is as acute and dangerous as drought or famine. Improving air quality must be taken up as a National Priority and the Union Government should

act in unison with State/Union Territory on war footing to meet the alarming situation of air pollution.