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Title: Need to provide trash skimmer for solid waste management in river Godavari in Rajahmundry of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Madam Speaker, I am raising a very important matter of urgent public importance. River Godavari at Rajahmundry is highly polluted by effluents discharged by paper industry as well as by untreated sewage, plastics and bi-wastage discharged by the RMC of underground drainage system. (Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please go back to your seats.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN: While the poisonous gases getting discharged are severely affecting our lungs causing breathing problems apart from skin allergies, the water is totally polluted with effluents of dangerous chemicals being used in production of paper. It is causing gastro intestine problems. Of late, the National Institute of Communicable Diseases having its Regional Centre at Rajahmundry had conducted a study and found that there were dangerous levels of toxic chemicals causing diseases like dengue, chikungunya, filaria and other contaminated water-borne diseases.

As an immediate measure to clean the River Godavari at Rajahmundry, I would earnestly request the Union Government and the Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change to provide Trash Skimmer for solid waste management. Thank you.