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21	24	should also be compelled to use covered buckets which can be	should be supplied to the scavengers. Each bucket normally
24	30	that	that
36	24	wheel/	wheel
	25	work (as on 28-7-1960)	barrow and carts:-
	30	work.	work (as on 29-7-1960)
43	48	47	46
45	3	pushing oftes	pushing and often
	3	unchained.	exit (.) after unchained
47	15	bullock carts. Bhensa	bullock carts, bhensa
48	39	radium	medium
52	24	them of	that off
54	19	splashing about night-soil in the process and after	through an outlet. In Madras, at the depots, bullock

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55	36	necessary wherever	necessary. Wherever
	50	that Corporations	that in Corporations
	51	afford such	afford, such
60	48	aid., can	aid can
68	4	but is	but it is
78	6	not improve	not only improve
92	44	reverse printed line	The officials handling the problems are not also properly equip-
95	Second sub-para	Marginal heading	Vigilance Committee
106	2	Safai 'Mazdoor'	'Safai Mazdoor'
107	6	dus-bin	dust-bin

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