

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to continue the subsidies including on Kerosene available to the fishermen in the country in the wake of proposed WTO meeting in Geneva.

**SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM):** Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very important matter relating to the life and livelihood of the fishermen of our country.

The World Trade Organisation meeting, which is going to happen in Geneva in March, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference, proposes to cut off all the subsidies including on kerosene which has been available to the traditional fishermen of our country.

I would request the Government to take a stand in this matter because 7.28 per cent of our GDP depends on the marine wealth of our country.

So, the traditional fishermen whose life and livelihood are to be protected, India should take a stand about it in this particular Conference which is going to be held in Geneva. We should support the fishermen of our country and continue the subsidies.