

Seventeenth Loksabha

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**Title: Early Sanction of ENCORE (Enhancing, Coastal and Ocean Resource Efficiency) Project of Coastal Area.**

**SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH (KAKINADA):** Hon. Chairperson, here, I am requesting the hon. Prime Minister to take immediate steps for early sanction of ENCORE project of coastal area. The ENCORE (Enhancing, Coastal and Ocean Resource Efficiency) Project is strategically an important project for providing sustainability to the coastal population and conservation and protection of coastal resources. The length of Andhra Pradesh coastal line is the second largest line with 974 kilometres next to Gujarat. High sea erosion is being noticed especially in East Godavari and other districts of Andhra Pradesh during every natural calamity.

Sir, irrespective of full moon or no moon, coastal waves hit at Uppada, Konapapapeta, and in Pitampura in my Parliamentary Constituency. The Kakinada-Uppada road is gradually disappearing due to shoreline erosion. So, there is every need to minimise the human loss besides property and other losses during calamities.

Sir, ENCORE Project phase-I had already been approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, and placed before the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs(CCEA) for its approval.

Hence, I would request the hon. Prime Minister to take stringent measures for early sanction of the ENCORE Project in Andhra Pradesh and other coastal States for safeguarding coastal population and fishermen. Thank you.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON** : Shri M. Srinivas Reddy-ji – Not present

Shri Varun Feroze Gandhi-ji – Not present