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Title: Regarding plight of traditional Indian fishermen.-Laid

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR): Millions of Indian traditional fishers are facing a threat of extinction due to many reasons. The natural calamities and climate change have already posed a huge challenge in front of them. And also the lives and livelihoods of traditional marine fishers are in serious trouble because of the policies of Government. The recent Geneva Ministerial Summit of WTO decided to drop all subsidies for fishing and allied activities which will harm our fisheries severely. India was expected to protest against this injustice done by WTO, instead it agreed to it. This will wash out our fishers from our coasts. The excessive price hike of Kerosene became a choking issue among fishers. In Kerala itself, the price of Kerosene jumped to Rs. 102. The Kerosene quota for fishers has been cut down to 129 litres per month from 450 litre per month. And the state quota has also been cut down by the Union government. This is outrageous and condemnable. The GOI must be awakened to these issues impacting one of the most segregated communities in the country. Our fishers are in a desperate need of help to survive.