

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title: Need to protect fishermen from Natural Calamities

**SHRI VIJAYKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI):** Sir, I urge and appeal to the Union Government to take adequate precautionary measures using the latest communication technologies to protect fishermen and those living in the coastal areas during cyclones and other natural calamities.

When cyclone hits Tamil Nadu and other coastal States, fishermen from these States are badly affected due to inadequate precautionary measures and failure in fully utilising the latest communication technologies. The Centre has totally failed to come to the rescue of the affected fishermen. In my constituency, Kanyakumari, I request the Government to set up a fully functional Coast Guard Station equipped with helipads, emergency ambulance services, speed rescue boats etc. I also request the Government to set up seawalls to stop erosion to safeguard the fishermen and their belongings. In the absence of such a set-up and at times of emergency, we are unable to protect the fishermen.

So, I urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps to protect the fishermen and those living in the coastal areas during cyclones and other natural calamities.