

Title : Regarding recurring accidents and human casualties occurring at Muthalappozhi fishing harbour

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL): Madam, I would like to draw the urgent attention of the Government to the recurring accidents and human casualties occurring at Muthalappozhi fishing harbour in my constituency Attingal, Kerala. More than 75 fishermen have lost their lives due to accidents in Muthalappozhi harbour. This year itself, a dozen accidents occurred in this harbour in which four fishermen have died. Continuous accidents are happening due to faulty construction of the breakwater. The local people and fishermen are alleging that the unscientific construction is the main reason for accidents there.

Madam, since 2019, I have been continuously raising the issue of Muthalappozhi harbour in Parliament and also with the Union Ministry of Fisheries, and have been demanding a scientific solution to the problem. But it is unfortunate that corrective measures are getting delayed while such tragedies occur frequently.

Madam, it is also necessary to enhance the safety measures and deploy permanent a rescue operation team at Muthalappozhi. Around 25,000 fishermen from the region depend upon the Muthalappozhi harbour for their livelihood. Therefore, immediate measures are required to find out a permanent solution to avoid further tragedies. I request the Union Government to implement a special project for ensuring safety of this harbour. Thank you.