

### **Regarding attacks by Sri Lankan Army on fishermen from Tamil Nadu**

**SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI (THOOTHUKKUDI):** Thank you, Madam. Just this year alone 27 boats have been confiscated by the Sri Lankan Navy, and around 177 Indian boats are with the Sri Lankan Government. They are nationalized now by them. That means, they make them their own. The boats are never given back to the Indian fishermen even after they are released from the prisons. Even yesterday in my constituency Thoothukkudi, two boats of fishermen from Tharuvaikulam have been attacked by the Sri Lankan Navy and 22 fishermen have been arrested and taken away after our Government had raised a concern about what happened recently.

So, we have to find a solution to this problem. The fishermen from Tamil Nadu cannot keep suffering again and again like this.

Thank you, Madam.