

Regarding proposal of offshore sand mining along Kerala coast.

SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Sir, this is one of the most important issues, which is affecting the entire fisher folk of this country, especially in Kerala. Premachandran ji rightly pointed out that his constituency of Kollam and my constituency of Alappuzha are also going to be affected. Basically, the fishermen in this country are in a very serious situation. Their livelihood is in trouble. They are not in a position to even live. This attitude of sand mining has also created further trouble for the fishermen. Their livelihood is going to be affected. This is going to be a very serious issue. Kerala is going for a strike against this decision. The entire fishermen are going to participate in that. Therefore, I think the Government has to withdraw this order immediately to save the fishermen, to save the environment, and to save the sea of this country.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: If any hon. Member wants to associate, please do it in writing.