

Need to accord approval to various development projects pertaining to development of fishing harbours along coastal belt in Kasaragod Parliamentary Constituency-Laid

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): The Kasargod Lok Sabha Constituency features a long coastal belt that stretches from Manjeswaram to Mattool. Several development projects, including proposals for fishing harbours at Cheruvatur, Madakkara, and Ajanur, have been pending approval from the Union Government for a significant period. Other outstanding projects include: - (1) Dredging of Cheruvathur Fishing Harbour (2) Development of a modern integrated fish landing center at Cheruvathur and Nileshtar (3) Construction of Ajanur Fishing Harbour (4) Upgradation of Manjeswaram Fishing Harbour. Recently, the construction of a 600-meter-long embankment at Pazhangadi has been halted, leading to landslides at the Choottad-Palakkod estuary. To address this issue, a causeway connecting both sides of the estuary has been proposed as a protective measure, as canoes hitting the sandbank have resulted in fishermen losing their lives. Additionally, a project costing Rs 28.60 crore for the construction of two jetties at Palakode Choottad has also faced delays. I urge the Government of India to expedite the approval and implementation of these projects submitted by the state government and to allocate sufficient funds for their execution.