

Regarding the need of Katchatheevu island ceded to Sri Lanka by 1973 Agreement by Tamil fishermen for survival

SHRI DURAI VAIKO (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Hon. Chairperson Madam, Vanakkam. We are very well aware that only by safeguarding the fishing industry which is the only livelihood of our fishermen, we can safeguard our fishermen community. On this basis, fulfilling the expectations of entire Tamil Nadu, with the support of all the political parties of Tamil Nadu, Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu *Annan* Thiru M.K. Stalin has passed a resolution in the State Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu for retrieving Katchatheevu. I thank the Government of Tamil Nadu at this juncture. Hon Prime Minister *Thiru* Narendra Modi will be going to Sri Lanka on an Official Visit very soon. Sri Lanka has not followed the terms of the agreement of 1973 between India and Sri Lanka on Katchatheevu. Therefore on behalf of Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, MDMK, I urge upon the Union Government that the Agreement of 1973, about ceding away of Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka, should be cancelled and determined efforts should be undertaken to reach a permanent solution in retrieving Katchatheevu in the interest of fishermen of Tamil Nadu.