

Title: Need to provide financial assistance to Karnataka Government for anti-sea erosion work in coastal areas of the State – Laid.

SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR (MYSORE): The State of Karnataka has been facing a serious problem due to increasing soil erosion along the coast line. The State has a coastline of about 300 kms. Stretching from Mangalore to Karwar covering three districts with a number of estuaries formed due to the drainage of a large number of rivers joining the Arabian Sea. Out of this 300 kms., a length of 215.685 kms. has been identified to protect the sea coast against erosion. The State Government of Karnataka had prepared a Master Plan for Rs. 575/- crores and submitted to Central Water Commission in September, 1997 for obtaining external funding.

As the implementation of the Anti-sea erosion programme is very urgently required, I demand that adequate fund provision may be made by the Union Government to expedite anti-sea erosion activities in the coastal areas of Karnataka.