

Title: Need to sanction adequate funds to conduct Research in predicting Tsunami and to take preventive measures with a view to protect the lives of the people living in coastal areas.

SHRI M. APPADURAI (TENKASI): Sir, the black day of December 26, 2004 is unforgettable and very saddest day in the world history, particularly in Tamil Nadu, that day Tsunami, first time in Indian history, created panic among the public, particularly in the fishermen community. The coastal area of Chennai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tuticorin, Kanyakumari Districts and Andaman & Nicobar Islands were affected severely by the so-called Tsunami which killed thousands of human beings and livestock and innumerable loss to the properties. The rehabilitation programmes carried out by both Central and State Government are still continuing.

Exactly after four months, again on 27th April, 2005, the coastal area of my district, that is, from Tuticorin to Tiruchendur have realised the effect of Tsunami. The sea water level increased, consequently the fishermen boats and huts were washed away. The people of these areas are scared.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to take immediate useful scientific steps to predict the Tsunami in advance and to take preventive measures, so that the Government will protect the people and the fishermen before any adverse things happened in future. So, the Government must allocate necessary funds to conduct a research in this regard and take protective measures besides releasing enough funds for rehabilitation programmes to be taken at the time of such a natural disasters.