

Title: Need to clear the proposal of the Government of Karnataka for fortification of sea embankments in Dakshina Kannada. – Laid.

SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVRAJ (UDUPI): Sea erosion has been wreaking havoc on the coastline of dakshina Kannada engulfing fishing jetties settlements of fishermen community and mangroves. Sea erosion has been silently uprooting hamlets and threatening jetties and moorings, forcing the fishermen community to pull back to interiors.

Despite long-pending proposals to address this menaca through long term anti-erosion measures, the Centre is yet to respond to the gravity of the situation. Allocations being too inadequate, the present measures to check erosion, on ad-hoc basis, do not provide an enduring solution. A proposal for fortification of sea embankments, on vulnerable stretches is pending with the Central Water Commission for clearance and allocation of Central funds.

The Centre could also pose this proposal for overseas financial assistance either from Japan or Netherlands who have the necessary measures successfully carried out along Bangladesh coastline.