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Title : Need to construct a sluice gate on the sea embankment in Kendrapara district of Orissa.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Water Resources about a serious issue of my constituency.

The Mahakalpada area of my constituency Kendrapara in Orissa is directly exposed to sea water inundation as it lies on the coastal line of the Bay of Bengal. Even though there is an old embankment, it became weak due to constant sea erosion. The sluice gate at Akhadasali ( Barkanda G.P.) of Mahakalpada Block has been damaged completely. As a result, the saline sea water enters the agricultural land during the high tide. Consequently, the crops in about 15,000 acres of land are destroyed due to salinity and inundation. More over, the salinity destroys the fertility of land.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Central Government that a new sluice gate should be constructed urgently to secure the crops. Further, the embankment itself, which has become very weak due to constant erosion, should be strengthened at the earliest to save the agricultural land of 15000 acres from salinity and inundation.