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Title : Need to ban the entry of private sector in mining of precious sand from the Western Coast of the country.

SHRI P. RAJENDRAN (QUILON) : The recent decision of the Government of India to allow FDI for mining of precious sand from the West Coast of the country particularly the very precious mineral sand from the Kerala Coast will entail indiscrete exploitation of our precious wealth by foreign companies. The privatization of this strategic sector will be a great threat to the security of the nation and detrimental to our national interests. Indiscriminate private mining will cause adverse environmental problems and shatter the livelihood of the fishermen community of coastal region. Hence, I would like to urge upon the Central Government to retain the mineral sand mining absolutely in public sector in view of our national security and national interest. I urge upon the Government of India through you sir to resist this move of Government of India to allowing private sector mining.