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Title: Need to provide security cover to the fishermen of Nagapattinam Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu who are being attacked by the Sri Lankan Navy.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM): I would like to bring the attention of the Minister of External affairs to the continued atrocities being committed by Sri Lankan Navy on the India Fishermen. Recently, four fishermen from Vedaranyam Area, which falls in my Constituency, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu were brutally attacked by Sri Lankan Navy during fishing in the sea near the coast of Kodiakarai. One of the fishermen, lost his life in the sea. Frequent occurrence of such attacks by Sri Lankan navy on the fishermen of my Nagapattinam Constituency has caused nightmare in the minds of the fishermen who venture into the sea for fishing.

I hope that the Ministry of External Affairs would take up this issue strongly with Sri Lanka and would find a permanent solution to this problem. I would also request the Minister of Home Affairs to strengthen the patrolling by Coast Guard. It should be the duty of the Coast Guard and Indian Navy to protect each and every Indian fishermen. Unfortunately the fishermen are left to the mercy of Sri Lanka Navy whenever they venture into the sea. Even though we are extending assistance in many ways, the attitude of Sri Lankan Navy towards the Indian fishermen is a cause of concern in the State.

I hope that the Union Government would initiate immediate measures to protect our fishermen.

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