Title: Need to depute a team of experts to study the impact of sea erosion in Minicoy and other islands of Lakshadweep.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House and also the Government that in my constituency, Lakshadweep group of islands, there is severe sea erosion and this sea erosion is because of climate change....(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record except the Member's speech.

(Interruptions) …<u>*</u>

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED: We all know that climate change is a global phenomenon and not a regional phenomenon.

In all the islands, there is severe erosion. I would like to mention here that land has been washed away in Lakshadeep Group of Islands creating a gap of about 53 meters. ...(*Interruptions*) The workers who had been working there, they terrified when the sea water came...(*Interruptions*). They had to run for their lives ...(*Interruptions*).

I would urge the Government of India and especially I would urge the Ministry of Environment and Forests that they depute an expert team to enquire about sea erosion and a mechanism has to be evolved and implemented so that sea erosion could be avoided.