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Title: Need to enhance security and welfare of fishermen in the country.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the security and welfare of the fishermen living throughout our country. The rise in number of killings of fishermen in our country particularly in Tamil Nadu and adjoining States is a matter of great concern. These innocent fishermen go deep into the sea, river in search of their livelihood in great difficulties for their families, children and for the people. But there is no security and surety of them returning back safely to their homes. Hence, I urge that the Government should take steady and immediate steps for their security and welfare so that they can earn their livelihoods without any hindrance. The boats and other equipments these fishermen use don't have any insurance. Hence, if these are lost or damaged they will not be able to carry on their livelihood. Hence, the Government should take suitable measures for insurance of their boats and equipments.