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Title : Need to take immediate steps for construction of Groyne along the sea coast of Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu to prevent erosion caused by sea waves.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): In my Tirunelveli Constituency, number of villages viz., Uvari, Perumanal, Kuthankuzhi, Kooduthali, Koottupanai, Thomaiyarpuram, Idinthakarai and Panchal are located along the sea coast.

Quite often, the condition of the sea in these areas is rough and vulnerable. The sea waves lash the shore violently causing damage to the fishing boats, nets and other fishing materials of the fishermen and also affecting their hamlets. Further, the nearby roads along the sea coast also gets damaged frequently.

Moreover, in the last few years the situation is worsening since the level of the tides has increased manifold. The distance between the shoreline and the nearby houses has narrowed down and the beaches have greatly reduced in length and breadth. Besides, due to entry of sea water into the nearby villages, the ground water has become saline and there is scarcity of drinking water and crops are also affected.

The steps taken by the State Government to check the sea erosion are not sufficient. In order to check the sea erosion permanently, I urge upon the Union Government to take immediate steps for the construction of 'GROYNE' (low broad wall built out from a shore to check erosion of a beach) along the sea coast in the villages of Tirunelveli District.