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Title: Need to construct a coastal belt from Azhikode to Chenthrappinny in Kerala to provide protection against sea tides.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): I would like to raise an important issue concerning my Constituency which comprises of seven Assembly Constituencies extending from south in Ernakulam to Thrissur District in north. In Thrissur District, there is 22 kilometres of coastal area extending over Kodungallur and Chenthrappinny and extend over seven Panchayats. There occur frequent incidents of sea attacks leading to soil erosion and collapse of houses and trees situated along the coast. Casualties occur during the time of leap tides also. A few years back, severe casualties occurred during Tsunami also. People residing in this coastal area face serious difficulties due to frequent sea attacks. Besides, the 'Muzris', which was one of the famous ports in ancient India, is also situated in this coastal area. Excavation works are under progress and lakhs of antiquities are being excavated from there.

Hence construction of coastal belt is of utmost importance for protecting this coastal area. Therefore, in view of the above facts I would request that urgent steps may be taken by the Government for constructing a coastal belt at a length of about 22 kilometres from Azhikode to Chenthrappinny connecting those seven Panchayats immediately.