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Title: Need to send a high level team to study unforeseen, unprecedented climate and ecological problems regularly happenings in Munroethuruth gram panchayat in Mavelikkara Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Madam Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise a matter of very urgent public importance relating to my Parliamentary constituency.

In my Parliamentary constituency, one *panchayat* is called Munroethuruth. Munroethuruth is an island in Kollam district. It is a small *gram panchayat* with a population of 15,000 people and lies in an ecologically sensitive area. It is a small island in Ashtamudi lake at the merging point of Kallada river. On the western part of the island is the Arabian Sea. The island has been frequently reported with environmental issues such as subsidence of land; flooding during the diurnal tides; sinking of structures, mainly buildings; etc.

When one of the major rail accidents in the early 1990s happened in this island, the studies showed that the reason for the accident was a tornado. The island experiences unforeseen, unprecedented climate and ecological problems quite often. Without reason, houses are broken, wells are flooded or drained, land is taken by untimely tides, roads are destroyed, and bridges are broken. The local area is under stress and strain due to this problem.

Recently, the scientists under the Government of Kerala studied the problem. I urge upon the Government of India to send a high level team to study the problem. The Government of India should send a high level team from the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to study what are the reasons for these regular happenings in Munroethuruth *gram panchayat*.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri P. Karunakaran is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Kodikunnil Suresh.