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Title: Need to provide adequate financial assistance to coastal states to construct protective walls along the erosion prone sea coasts of the country.

PROF. K.V. THOMAS (ERNAKULAM): Madam, due to heavy sea erosion in the country, there is a heavy damage to men and property. Sea-side is being washed out. Houses are destroyed and very often, fishermen are killed. The only solution to prevent sea erosion is to construct sea-walls and wave-breakers.

Earlier, the Government of India used to give assistance to the State Governments. But now no assistance is being given to the State Governments in this regard.

I request that adequate financial assistance should be given to the State Governments to construct protective sea-walls and wave-breakers in the coastal belt where there is serious sea erosion.