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Title: Need to repair the embankment along coastline of Balasore District, Odisha to prevent tidal water damaging the farming land.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA: Sir, thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to speak about the sufferings endured not only by the people of my Constituency, but people of the whole country living on the coastline.

I come from Balasore Parliamentary Constituency of Odisha, which has got a long coastline of 81 kms. We all know that in October 2013 how Cyclone Phailin had devastated the coast of Odisha as well as Andhra Pradesh, and to add to our woes, on 15 July 2014 itself a very high tidal wave had hit the coastal district of Balasore in which five blocks and eight Panchayats were very seriously damaged. The five blocks are Basta, Baliapal, Sadar, Bhograi and Remuna, and the eight Panchayats are Bolang, Kunduli, Panchpali, Jambhirai, Kasaphal, Sartha, Chhanna and Bahabalpur, and this has affected the life of thousands of farmers of my Constituency.

I have got to make two specific demands here. Firstly, let the Central Government immediately construct the permanent embankment along the coastline of my Constituency. Secondly, it should provide financial compensation to all the poor farmers who have lost their crop in about 6,000 hectares of land in my Constituency. This is the only crop that they have got in a year, and they do not have irrigation facilities also. Hence, the Government must immediately consider this demand.