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Title: Need to provide central aid to Tamil Nadu for providing transmitters to fishermen and encourage deep sea fishing.

\*SHRI R. K. BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI) : Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has proposed a scheme to provide Distress Alert Transmitters as a measure of enhancing the safety to about 30000 fishermen having motorized and mechanized boats. These transmitters will also provide information about climate changes and warnings. Thus Scheme will be implemented gradually for the current year. I urge that the Union Government should provide 75 per cent grant to this Scheme in order to benefit more number of fishermen. The Union government should immediately release the remaining dues of Rs.207.30 Crore for construction of fishing harbours in Colachel, Chinnamuttom, Poompuhar and Thengapattinam. The guidelines pertaining to Coastal Regulation Zone are posing restrictions and affecting the livelihood of fishermen of Tamil Nadu. I urge that the fishermen of Tamil Nadu should be exempted from these restrictions. The Government of Tamil Nadu led by Hon. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has been encouraging deep sea fishing activities. In order to implement this programme in a coordinated way, the Union government should release an amount of Rs.1520 Crore to the State of Tamil Nadu. Thank you..