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Title: Issue regarding erosion of coast at Uppada Village in East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM (KAKINADA): Madam, I would like to raise the issue regarding erosion of coast at Uppada village, which is near to my constituency, Kakinada, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

Kakinada town of East Godavari district is bestowed with seashore. Uppada village is another seashore, which is 22 kilometres away from Kakinada. There is severe erosion at Uppada, which is extending towards Kakinada. If we allow this erosion, it will badly affect the Kakinada town within a short time. In order to protect Uppada village, the Irrigation Department had taken up shore protection work in one kilometre with Geo Tubes, and this model really worked out very well.

There is R&B road continuing along with the shore. Due to sea tides, almost 3.8 kilometres of land is already eroded. R&B of Andhra Pradesh Government had obtained consultancy services from the Ocean Engineering Department of IIT, Chennai for protection of seashore at Uppada. They have suggested taking up shore protection work half length with Tetra Blocks, and for another half length, to go with Geo Tubes covering with Polypropylene Geobean.

Madam Chairperson, I would submit that the Central Water Power Resource Station, Pune is the highest authority in this field. The National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai is another competent body. Both these institutions may also be consulted, and permanent remedial action should be taken to protect the seashore of Uppada, which is in my constituency, Kakinada, on war footing.