

Title: Requests the Government to take steps to fetch reasonable price from the exporters to save the starving poor fishermen community in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. SATHIAMOORTHY (RAMANATHAPURAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Tamil Nadu thousands of fishermen used to go deep sea by mechanised boats in Rameswaram, Thondi, Keelakarai, Erwadi, Vaalinokkam and Mookaiyur coastal area and fishing export variety of fish only. For the past fifteen days, the exporters in fishing market refused to give usual and reasonable price as already offered.

It is unfortunate that the exporters are explaining that international market has gone down due to the nuclear tests in India. It is not true. All the exporters in these areas by joining together are trying to exploit the fishing community. The fishermen are not ready to fish because the expenditure incurred is too high compared to the price offered. Thousands of fishing families are suffering a lot due to the extraordinary situation. Our Government may take immediate steps to fetch reasonable price from the exporters and thus save the starving poor fishermen community in Tamil Nadu.