

Sixteenth Loksabha

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**Title: Regarding inclusion of fishermen community of Tamil Nadu in the list of Scheduled Tribes.**

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Fishermen in Tamil Nadu reside in precarious terrain by the sea coast, have distinct customs and lifestyle, and eke out a meagre livelihood from their traditional occupation. Most of them are very poor. The Government of Tamil Nadu seeks the inclusion of the fishermen community of Tamil Nadu in the list of Scheduled Tribes .1 urge the Union Government to take immediate steps in this regard.