

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding problems caused by sea erosion in Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN (CUDDALORE): Due to sea erosion, the coastal areas and adjacent housing colonies of Cuddalore parliamentary constituency are very much affected. During Tsunami and Thane cyclone, seashore was eroded due to giant waves and landscape has been reduced. Many residential colonies in and around Cuddalore town and villages of this area have also been affected. The sea area is on the rise and the landscape has shrunken. This has led to changes in the map of the nation. Other than residential colonies, many governmental buildings have also been damaged due to fierce sea waves. I, therefore, urge the Government that check dams or brick walls should either be constructed or big stones be dumped to restrict the fierce flow of sea waves and erosion thereafter. I urge that the lives of people residing at the seashore in my Cuddalore constituency should be protected on war footing basis. I earnestly appeal to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs through this august House that immediate steps should be taken to protect the livelihood of fishermen and others living at the seashore in my constituency, as these areas were prone to Tsunami and Thane cyclone. I also urge that the land area which is being eroded by sea waves should be protected for the well-being of the people.