

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take steps to prevent sea erosion in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): I would like to speak just four sentences.

The vulnerability of Odisha's coastline to tidal surge and erosion has come under sharp focus with 7.5 per cent of its sea coast being battered by mighty waves and undergoing erosion in last 28 years.

Sir, a stretch of 37 kilometres in Odisha comes under the Coastal Vulnerability Index which constitutes 7.5 per cent of State's 480 kilometres coastline. The Satabhaya, Pentha, Gahirmatha in Kendrapara district, Ganjam port north in Ganjam district and Sahasavedhi in Jagatsinghpur district were found to be worst affected by sea erosion which has hit the coastal pockets of the State.

There is an urgent need to prevent sea erosion and protect the ecosystem and communities. Therefore, I would urge the Government to take environment friendly initiatives to protect the livelihoods of those communities residing in coastal areas, especially in Odisha, as it is highly vulnerable to sea erosion.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. Shri Gajanan Kirtikar – not present. Shri S.R. Parthiban Ji – not present; Shri Unmesh Bhaiyyasaheb Patil – not present; Shri Rattan Lal Kataria – not present; Shri Su. Thirunavukkarasar – not present.

Shri Sanjay Seth Ji.

