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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the state of Andhra Pradesh under 'Critical Anti Erosion Works' Scheme.

SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA (AMALAPURAM): Sir, I wish to bring to your notice a matter relating to the coastline of Andhra Pradesh.

The coastline of AP is the second largest in India and is dissected by two major rivers – the Krishna and the Godavari – two smaller streams – Penna and Vamsadhara – and also 35 smaller streams. The long coastline of Andhra Pradesh is one of the most cyclone prone areas in India with frequent occurrence of severe cyclone storms in a less span and heavy rainfalls.

Besides raising questions about the future of millions living on or near our coasts, the climate change also places in danger the economic activities - such as agriculture, industry and tourism – impairing the economy. It could also deal a blow to vital infrastructure such as ports and affect fresh water resources at a time of growing water scarcity.

The Climate Central study published in the journal *Nature Communications* expects areas inhabited by 36 million Indians now to be at the risk of chronic flooding by 2050, much higher than the five millions expected previously. Globally, the figure could be as high as 300 million people, nearly four times the past estimations.

I, therefore, request the Central Government, through you, to scrutinize the subject and provide financial assistance to protect the most vulnerable points on different flood banks by providing rough stone

revetment and forming groynes or repairs to the existing outfall sluices, depending upon the site conditions, under the Centrally-sponsored scheme 'Critical Anti-Erosion Works' in coastal Andhra Pradesh.

Thank you.