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Title: Regarding problems being faced by fishing community-laid.

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL): India has 7500 Km long coastline and 14 million people depend on fishing for their livelihood. Fisheries sector is heavily contributing to the food security and GDP of our country. Fishing community is in deep crisis today due to the adverse impact of climate change. They are always exposed to rough seas and cyclones occur frequently. They are facing employment loss throughout the year and have no opportunity of alternative jobs for their livelihood. It has been reported that Union Government is planning for an investment of Rs. 25000 crore in fisheries sector in the next five years. I request the Government to conduct a nationwide study on the employment loss among fishermen and consider implementing a employment guarantee scheme for national fishermen. Fishing community is much concerned about the provisions in the proposed Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2019. I request the Government to consider their concerns in this legislation.