

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Issue regarding construction work of a fishing harbour at Kunthukal of Pamban in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu.

***SHRI K. NAVASKANI (RAMANATHAPURAM):** Hon. Speaker Sir. Vanakkam. Thank you for giving me this Opportunity. The construction work of a fishing harbour is in full swing at Kunthukal of Pamban in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu. As the sand taken from the seashore is being used for construction work of this fishing harbour, fishermen are worried about the life and quality of construction of such buildings. The fishing harbours constructed at Rameswaram and Mookaiyur have not become operational. Since the work is yet to be completed these harbours are not put into use benefitting our fishermen. The project work relating to thermal power plant is being undertaken in Uppur of Ramanathapuram. Since a bridge is being constructed in the middle of the sea, fishermen may not be able to venture into sea for fishing activities using their boats. Hot waste water released from the Uppur thermal power plant joins the sea affecting the fishing resources. Fishermen of this area are in danger as their livelihood will be affected. Government of India should give an assurance that the lives of fishermen will not be affected. The fishermen of this area are in protest for saving their lives, The Government should stop implementing the Uppur thermal power project if there is any danger to the lives and livelihood of fishermen. As land has not been acquired fully for this project, farmers have got stay from Hon Courts for land acquisition in this regard. If the required land has not been acquired fully for the project, the project work cannot be completed. Moreover, power cannot

be generated. As the land acquisition work has not been completed, there is an apprehension that project work worth several Crores may be affected. Necessary clarifications should be issued by the Government for removing the apprehensions in the minds of the people and fishermen of this area or else this project should be scrapped. Thank you.