

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to construct sea walls along Thiruvananthapuram Coastline - Laid

**DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM):** Madam, it is unfortunate that coastal fishing villages located in Thiruvananthapuram, which were once considered as India's prominent ports cannot even be called significant fishing ports now.

This is owing to rampant and damaging sea erosion for the past eight to nine years, particularly in Valiyathura, Poonthura, Beemapally, Panathura which has severely affected the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of families, especially of the fishing community. It has completely destroyed houses and is constantly causing more damage, displacing hundreds. Some take shelter in relief camps while others resort to emergency remedies at their own expense. The unfulfilled promises made by Kerala Government to construct seawalls along the Thiruvananthapuram coastline for protecting the shore from strong waves, have led to current appalling crisis for the fishing community. ...  
(Interruptions)

I request the Central Government to consider the gravity of the situation and take immediate action to provide resources for sea wall construction along the coast of Thiruvananthapuram.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Dr. Tharoor, only the approved text will go on record.

**15.45 hrs**