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Title: Regarding stopping of ongoing deep wells for Hydrocarbon projects in Naga Pattinam, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. SELVARAJ (NAGAPATTINAM): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much for this opportunity.

My Nagapattinam Parliamentary Constituency is a very backward and undeveloped constituency in Tamil Nadu. The main source of income for the people is fishing and agriculture, and they are totally dependent upon agriculture for their livelihood where around 15 lakh tonnes of paddy are being produced every year.

The Government of India had earlier permitted the Vedanta Group and ONGC to dig deep wells for the hydrocarbon project, which created a lot of resentment among the people and farmers. Recently, the Government of India, again permitted digging of another 104 deep wells for the same project. This has further created a lot of resentment among the farmers because it has totally spoilt not only the fertile land, but also the drinking water.

Hence, I would like to urge upon the Union Government, through this august House, to take necessary action to stop the ongoing project in the interest of the people. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Sir, I would like to associate with the issue raised by Shri M. Selvaraj.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री सु. थिरुनवुक्करासर को श्री एम. सेल्वराज द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।

माननीय सदस्य, एसोसिएट करने के लिए खड़े होने की आवश्यकता नहीं है, आप लिखकर टेबल ऑफिसर को दे दिया करें ।