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Title: Regarding construction of sea walks along Kerala coastline.

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN: (THRISSUR): Hon. Chairman, Sir, there is a severe coastal erosion in Kerala for the last two weeks. Currently, we have 366 km. of seawall in the 576 km. long coastal area of Kerala. But its 146 km. is almost destroyed. Sir, 100 km. of seawall should be newly constructed along the Kerala coast. In fact, a total of 246 km. long seawall is very urgently needed. Sir, the 12th and the 13th Finance Commissions had recommended for building seawall in Kerala but Kerala did not get anything in the last five years.

It is very pathetic. Hundreds of fishermen are homeless now. They are living in relief camps. Their fishing equipment have been destroyed. The Government should help Kerala by considering this serious situation. The Centre should take interest to protect the coastal areas and save the fishermen.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Adv. Adoor Prakash, Shri K. Muraleedharan, Shri N. K. Premachandran are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri T. N. Prathapan.

Those who want to associate, submit your slips at the Table. Shri T. N. Prathapan, please conclude now. We have a very long list. I am giving you half a minute to conclude.

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN : Sir, immediate intervention of Government of India is needed in this issue.

