

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding price hike of Kerosene oil.-laid

SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM): I invite the attention of the Government towards the exorbitant price hike of Kerosene by Rs 80 in the last two years. The price has reached Rs. 102 after the price hike which is more than the price for one litre of diesel and just Rs 5 short of the cost for a litre of petrol. The steep hike will affect the traditional fishermen who are allowed to fish in the sea during the trawling ban as they use kerosene as fuel for the boats. The anti-people policies are pushing commoners and fishermen in serious debts. They are forced to buy kerosene from the open market for a high price as they are not getting the subsidised kerosene. The 30700 OBM boats in Kerala use 98000 KL kerosene in a year, and in the financial year of 2021-22, only 15188 KL of Kerosene was sanctioned for the state. I urge the Department of Food and Distribution to look into this matter with utmost priority as it puts the lives of common people and traditional fishermen at stake.