

## **Regarding fatal accidents in Muthalapozhi fishing harbour in Kerala - laid**

**ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL):** The continuing fatal accidents in Muthalapozhi fishing harbour in Kerala is a matter of urgent concern. Sixty nine fishermen have lost their lives and 700 were injured in different accidents since the construction of breakwater here. Four people were killed on 10th July, 2023 when their boat capsized in the harbour. It is alleged that the unscientific construction of pulimuttu is the main reason for accidents here. I had raised the issue many times through submissions in Lok Sabha and letters to the Union Government. Following that a report had been sought from the Government of Kerala in which the state denied the safety issues in the harbour. But the repeated accidents are evident of the faulty construction and it is necessary to take corrective actions without further delay. I request the Union Government to send a Central team of experts to review the situation at the earliest. It is necessary to deploy permanent rescue operation team Muthalapozhi. Many lives can be saved by deputing a permanent rescue operations team in the harbour. I also request the Government to consider compensation to the families of victims in the accident.