

Regarding critical concerns surrounding the Kochi Harbour Development Project-laid

SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM): Despite the allocation of funds amounting to Rs. 169.17 crores secured through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and Sagarmala, the progress of the project has been disappointingly sluggish, with the project yet to kick off. The initial establishment of vital infrastructure is crucial for the overall success of the project. However, the lack of expedited action for early completion is deeply concerning. The non-kickoff of the project has left a devastating impact on Exporters, Fishing Boat Owners, Fishermen, Sellers, middlemen, intermediaries, and amenities providers for the workers of Fishing Boats. Their livelihoods are now in real jeopardy due to the project's stagnation. The delay in executing the work and prolonged inaction exacerbates the challenges faced by the local community and the fisheries sector. A series of strikes in recent days reflects the growing frustration among the people towards the authorities of ports and the Central Government. A Harbour Protection Council has been formed to organize protests and advocate for the swift resumption of the development works. The resumption is an absolute necessity to prevent further derailment of our community's economic and social well-being.

In the light of the above, I urgently request the Hon'ble Minister to intervene in the matter.