

Title: Need to clear the proposal of Kerala Government for setting up a fishing harbour at Thalai in Kannur District

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): The Thalai Fishing Harbour at Thalasserry is the long-felt need of the people of Northern part of Kerala. It is directly beneficial to almost 30,000 fishermen community and lakhs of people indirectly. Based on the studies conducted, the Government of Kerala have submitted a Project Report for constructing a fishing harbour at Thalai in Kannur District. Thalai Bay is a very suitable spot for the purpose and there is a natural fish-handling centre. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs.19.40 crore.

There is immense potential for fish processing and export in the State and the materialization of this Project will augment the sector. The Project is presently pending with the Government of India. I request the hon. Minister for Agriculture to examine the matter and approve the project at the earliest.