

Title: Need to tackle the problem of coastal erosion along the Dakshin Kannada coast with the help of Government of Netherlands - Laid.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI) : My constituency, Udupi, forms a part of Dakshin Kannada with a long coastline. Fishermen communities are settled along the coast whose livelihood depends on favourable sea-faring conditions throughout the year.

Consistent coastal erosion is posing a great danger and constant hazard to those living along the coast apart from causing ecological devastation. Settlements and landing points for fishing vessels disappear every now and then because of erosion caused by strong tides. Bangladesh had the same problem with such areas on coastal shores and estuaries but they were successful in harnessing the sea tides to reclaim the land vulnerable to erosion. The Government of Netherlands (Dutch Govt.) who have expertise in such projects generously provided assistance both financial and technical.

I would therefore urge the Central Government to seek the assistance of the Government of Netherlands to tackle the problem of coastal erosion along the Dakshin Kannada coast.