

Title: Need to release necessary funds for construction of sea-wall along the coastal line in Kerala. – Laid.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA) : The State of Kerala has a long coast-line of 560 kms. of which 351 kms. are already protected by sea wall. Kerala used to receive Central assistance from the Union Government for construction of sea wall to protect the fragile coastline from sea erosion. However, this scheme was discontinued in the early nineties.

This year the heavy rainfall during the monsoon has eroded the Kerala sea shore. In my constituency at Tellicherry, Badagara, chorode and Payyoli sea erosion has been very serious and many families had to leave their homes. Every year this phenomenon is repeated.

The Government of Kerala have submitted a project report envisaging the construction of 67 kms. of new sea wall and 58 km of reformation work at a cost of Rs. 267 crores. This proposal includes provision of equipment for measuring the behaviour of sea during rough monsoon. I urge the Ministry at the earliest and release necessary funds for the project.