

Title: Request to send an expert team to assess the situation caused by tremors in Thrissur, Palakkad districts of Kerala.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I rise to raise a very important issue concerning my State. Day before yesterday, a mild tremor was experienced in two districts of Kerala – Trichur and Palakkad. The people are fearing that an earthquake may erupt. Some property was also lost.

It was only of a mild nature. But we have to take into consideration certain factors. Recently, we had multi-coloured rains during the rainy season. Where there is no water, tube wells are getting dried up. People see that water in tube wells is getting bubbled. All these circumstances have created panic among the people of those districts. Geologists have also gone there and they are studying the situation. Nobody is sure as to what would happen in the immediate future. We have come across tragedies in Gujarat and other States.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please mention in short.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : In that context, I would request the Union government to send an expert team to assess the situation and advice the people to take necessary precautions to prevent further loss of life and property. This is a very important issue. It is of no use if the Government sends a team after the tragedy has struck. We should take immediate precautionary steps if there is any imminent threat in Kerala.

I, once again, request the Central Government to take immediate steps by sending an expert team to assess the situation.