

Title: Need to create a separate Ministry for Fisheries -Laid..

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN (ALLEPPEY): I would like to invite the urgent attention of the Prime Minister to a long standing demand from everyone concerned in the welfare of the fisher-folk and the fisheries sector that a separate Ministry for fisheries be set up.

At present, as we very well know, fisheries and related matters are looked after by the Ministry of Agriculture. Quite naturally adequate attention time-wise and otherwise is not available to the basic and pressing problems of the fisher-folk, one of the poorest sections of the society and the sector as a whole.

Therefore, I request the Prime Minister to kindly set up a separate Ministry of Fisheries and to bring it under the charge of a full-fledged Cabinet Minister.