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**Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the State Government of Karnataka for checking coastal shore-line erosion in Dakishna Kannada region - Laid.**

**\*SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI) :** Dakshina Kannada region comprising of Mangalore and Udupi districts has a long coastline, sustaining ecologically vegetation and settlements of fishermen community, apart from tourism related infrastructure.

Sea erosion has been causing severe damage to the shoreline which is receding every year. In the process, fishermen settlements and fishing harbours/moorings in the coast are swallowed by sea. There is no natural barrier/embankment protection along the coastline.

Money being spent on ad hoc measures do not bring permanent protection to the embankments. The State Government's source are limited and a project of this magnitude cannot be undertaken without the Centre's support of funds. The concept of break-waters to arrest erosion seems to be workable but calls for an outlay of Rs. 134.00 crores and a proposal has been submitted to the Centre by the State Government.

I, urge the Central Government to lend support to the State Government in its attempt to find a lasting solution to the sea erosion problem in Dakshina Kannada area.

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\*Laid on the Table.