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Title : Need to protect Marine Fisheries Industries from economic meltdown.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the need to support the Marine Fisheries Industry in view of the global economic meltdown.

The Marine Fisheries Industry is one of the industries which depends on the export of marine products. More than one million population depend on the industry. But due to the global economic meltdown, there is more than 35 per cent decline in the export of marine products. So, this industry is in crisis. Aroor area in my constituency in Alappuzha, which is considered as the centre of marine products export in the State of Kerala, is declared as a town of export excellence. In that area, the entire industry is in shambles. In order to tide over the crisis, domestic trade should be encouraged. Also, I would urge upon the Government to provide some bail out package for the Marine Fisheries Industry.