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Title: Need to include the fishermen communities of Kerala in the list of Scheduled Castes.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): The Dheevara and its sub castes i.e. Valan, Arayan, Parvar of the Hindu religion, Mukkuva, Mukkuvar, Marakkan, Anjoottykar and Munnoottykar of Latin Catholics of Christians and Poislam/Kadappurathukar sects of Islam are the major fishing communities of the sea coast and the lake coast of Kerala. Socially, educationally, economically, politically and occupationally they are the most backward communities next to the Adivasis of Kerala. Even six decades after Independence, they are deprived of their rights. Caste-wise discrimination is still there. It is the duty of the nation to empower them. In the constitution itself there is provision for the affirmative actions. So I urge upon the Government to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 to include the above castes in the list of Scheduled Castes.