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Title: Regarding assault on Fishermen in Indian Water Fishing Area by Sri Lankan Army.

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): Sir, I am speaking on behalf of the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam headed by Shri Vaiko, the leader of the Tamils.

I want to bring to the notice of the Central Government that the Tamilians in Sri Lanka are being killed indiscriminately as well as the fishermen on the borders of Sri Lanka. Even though our fishermen are within our reach, within the international border, they are being taken into their country. They are cruelly and brutally attacked and killed.

Recently, the attack has been near Katchatheevu Island where we have our own rights. Underwater mining has been done by the Sri Lankan Government which is against ethics. It is a threat to not only our fishermen but also to the passengers. Food and medicine were required for the Sri Lankan people. That was avoided and forbidden by the Indian Government which is to be re-assured. We want to take food and medicine for the people who are in need of it.

There, the Member of Parliament Mr. Sivanesan was killed about ten days ago. Likewise, so far, four MPs have been killed there. Our Indian Government has not initiated any move to condemn it. Mr. Sarath Fonseka, the Army Chief has come to India asking for some military assistance from the Government of India. [\[R58\]](#)

He has been the person behind the killing of Tamilians, but a red carpet welcome has been given to him which is injuring the minds of Tamilians. He has said "we will intensify our military attacks to liquidate the Tamil rebels, with the solid support of India." *(Interruptions)* Till this day, no denial or no condemnation has been made by the Government of India.

Therefore, I would earnestly appeal and insist upon the Government of India to withdraw the radars supplied to Sri Lanka and to stop forthwith any form of military assistance to the Sri Lanka racist regime and protect the Tamils living there.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record except the statement of Shrimati Kiran Maheswari.

*(Interruptions)**