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Title: Need to set up cold storage facilities in Nagapattinam parliamentary constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries about the need for setting up of cold-storage facilities in my Parliamentary Constituency, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu.

I would like to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Minister about the problems being faced by the fishermen of my Nagapattinam Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu to store fish and other marine products in the absence of any cold-storage facilities in my Constituency. The fishing is one of the main economic activities of my constituency. Fishermen in large number venture into the sea and they are able to catch fish on large scale through their hard work and efficiency. However, they are unable to store and sell them in the market due to lack of proper cold storage facilities in and around my constituency. Since they are unable to sell them on the same day of fishing, it leads to large scale perishment of fish and other marine products. This in turn affects the income profile of the fishermen of my constituency. If proper cold-storage facilities are created, it would be very helpful to them to store the fish and sell them in the market as per the requirements of the consumers. This will also help to some extent boost the economy of my constituency.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to set up cold-storage facilities in my constituency particularly for storage of fish and other marine products.