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Title: Need to check the recurring incidents of ill treatment meted out to Indian fishermen near the shores of Nagapattinam by Sri Lankan Army.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM): I have brought to the notice of the Union Government many a times about the incidents pertaining to the often-repeated violent attacks against the Indian fishermen in our own waters between the South-East Coast of our country and the Island Nation of Sri Lanka, especially near the shores of Nagapattinam constituency but the ill-treatment by the armed forces of Sri Lanka meted out to our poor Tamil Fishermen goes on unabated.

In all these years several fishermen have lost their lives, hundreds of them have been grievously injured and thousands of fishermen have lost their catchments and fishing tools and equipments thereby seriously hampering their livelihood. The disenchantment in the minds of the Tamil fishermen that the problems have surmounted which needs to be addressed at the earliest. The problem is due to our giving away the Katchativu Islet resulting in the overlapping of maritime boundaries the accidental unintentional straying of our fishermen in to the international waters occur. Due to this, heavy blow to our hapless fishermen recurs. Both our Navy and Coast guard could not help save our poor Indian fishermen. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also written about this to the Prime Minister. It is still reported that the presence of some third country's armed forces are observed near Katchativu. Hence, I urge upon the Prime Minister to evolve a co-ordinated mechanism to help save the lives and livelihood of our Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu.