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Title : Need to depute a team of experts to study the causes of sea erosion in Minicoy Island and all the other Islands in Lakshadweep and to suggest

remedial measures for the same.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards severe Sea Erosion continuing in Minicoy Island of Lakshadweep. The land has been washed away creating a large beach as wide as 42 metres at the Northern part of Minicoy Island separating 163 metres of land at the extreme end of the island. It created panic among the people working on the new eastern embarkation jetty. Due to powerful waves, the entire jetty was flooded with sea water which flowed up to the passenger hall. The people had to run for safety.

Keeping in view the severe erosion, an immediate action is required to send an expert team to study the impact and to suggest suitable remedial measures for reclaiming and protecting the fragile land and for the safety of the inhabitants of the Minicoy Island and other islands including Androth, Kavaratti, Agatti, Kalpeni, Ameni, Kadmath, Kiltan, Chethlath and Bitra.