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Title: Need to protect the Indian fishermen from the alleged excesses of Sri Lankan Navy.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): I would like to bring to the kind attention of the Government regarding the atrocities being perpetrated by Sri Lankan Navy on Indian fishermen. Two fishermen from Tamil Nadu were killed and another injured after the Sri Lankan Navy opened fire on them at sea near the Tamil Nadu coast recently. This has been going on for the last several decades and several hundreds of fishermen from Tamil Nadu have lost their lives and many of them suffered injuries at the hands of Sri Lankan Navy. Attacks by Sri Lankan Navy are continuing unabated in spite of repeated assurances. It is true that sometimes our fishermen go beyond our territory for fishing to earn their livelihood due to their ignorance but the Sri Lankan Navy should not adopt this kind of inhuman act. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take up this matter with Sri Lankan Government to arrive at an understanding between the two countries for stopping use of force against fishermen in future at the earliest.