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Title: Regarding construction of Jetty and Fish Landing Centres in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for allowing me to raise a matter of urgent public importance relating to construction of Jetty and Fish Landing Centre at Mukkam village in Bhogapuram Mandal and at Tipplevalasa village in Pusapatirega Mandal of Vizianagaram District and also in Rallapeta village in Etcherla Mandal in Srikakulam District which falls under my Vizianagaram Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Sir, through this House, I would like to bring to the kind attention of the Government that the State Government has sent the proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation for approval. There is a long coastline of 70 kms. in my Parliamentary Constituency only in Vizianagaram District. There are 20 Fish Landing Centres and 19 marine fishermen villages only in Vizianagaram District. The annual fish production is about 1,50,000 million tonnes and 1,100 million tonnes of prawn are caught by fishermen in these areas. There are about 25,000 marine based fishermen eking out their livelihood from fishery and fishing in this District.

There are about 12,000 traditional fishing crafts and 300 motoring crafts operating from the beaches of the 20 Fish Landing Centres in Vizianagaram District. Mukkam village in Bhogapuram Mandal is the largest Fish Landing Centre in this area. The fishermen of this village own about 200 mechanised fishing vessels, but operating from Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour as there is no berthing and mooring facility in the coast line of Vizianagaram District. About 3,000 active fishermen migrated temporarily to work as *lascars* on the mechanized boats operating from Visakhapatnam and other States.

I would like to point out that as there is no fishing Jetty between Visakhapatnam and Paradeep in Orissa, the fishermen are losing their valuable lives during cyclones and natural calamities. If the Government constructs small Jetties in between these two major Harbours, the lives of fishermen and their properties could be saved as they can take shelter in these small Fishing Jetties during vulnerable weather conditions.

In view of this, I urge upon the Ministry of Agriculture to sanction the proposal sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishing a Fishing Jetty at Mukkam village in Bhogapuram Mandal and Fish Landing Centres at Tipplevalasa village in Pusapatirega Mandal of Vizianagaram District and Fishing Jetty and Fish Landing Centres at Rallapeta in Etcherla Mandal of Srikakulam District. This will help in the development of these backward areas.