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Title: Need to establish a fishing harbour at Bhavanapadu village of Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh has a coastal line of 193 kms covering about 104 villages having fishermen population of around 2 lakhs. The annual catch of fish is around 50,000 Metric Tons. Around 12,000 Metric Tons of marine products are exported to Japan, USA and European countries from Vizag Port. Though this district due to long coast line has good prospects to develop prawn culture, marine/seafood processing and marine products export but there is shortage of cold storage to preserve the marine products for exports. A proposal for the establishment of a fishing harbour at Bhavanapadu Village of Tekkali Revenue Division, Srikakulam District is pending with the Government of India. This project, when completed, will provide landing and berthing facilities to more than 200 mechanized boats and to increase the fish catch in the district. This will generate a great employment potential and will enhance the empowerment of fishermen community due to increase in their income. The establishment of fishing harbour at Bhavanapadu, cold storage, ice manufacturing units and feed plants will change the face of the coastal line of the district and fishermen community. Srikakulam district is one of the most backward districts in Andhra Pradesh and by implementing the project, the backwardness of the district can be removed to some extent.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Shipping to give clearance for the establishment of fishing harbour at Bhavanapadu village of Srikakulam district at the earliest.