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Title: Issue regarding abduction of 16 fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy.

SHRI S.R. JEYADURAI (THOOTHUKKUDI): Mr. Chairman, thank you.

I rise to bring to your notice about the abduction of sixteen fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy. All these fishermen belong to my constituency. They were engaged in fishing in the Gulf of Mannar in three mechanised fishing boats. They have been apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy.

Sir, incidents of apprehension and harassment of innocent Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy have become a regular occurrence. This is creating a feeling of insecurity and fear amongst the fishermen community.

I would request the Government of India to kindly urge the Sri Lankan authorities to immediately release the sixteen fishermen with their three boats. The Indian Government should take all necessary steps to ensure that this incident does not occur again.