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Title: Need to expedite to upgrade vakala-pudi to fishing harbour.

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM (KAKINADA): Madam, Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise this matter. The State of Andhra Pradesh has a large coastal corridor and also the finest atmospheric conditions. Kakinada is going to import as also export sea food machines etc. Kakinada is growing very fast. In my Parliamentary constituency, Vakalapudi is a very prominent place. To upgrade this place to fishing harbour there is every necessity to improve upon the infrastructure to bring it on par with EIA standards. The Commission of Fisheries, Hyderabad had instructed the Deputy Director (Fisheries) for submission of proposals for upgradation of this place to a fishing harbour in August 2014 through video conferencing. The Deputy-Director has submitted an estimate for Rs. 50 crore for upgradation to be duly taken up under capital works under RIDF. The Superintendent Engineer (Marine) is also one of the technical supporters to this project. I would like to request the hon. Minister for Fisheries, through you, to treat this process of work as urgent and to complete the work as early as possible.

Thank you.