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Title: Requests the Central Government to take measures to construct sea wall along the coast of Kerala.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now take up 'Zero Hour'.

Prof. Premajam to speak.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Sir, I would like to raise before the hon. august House a very important matter concerning the State of Kerala.

The entire Western borders of Kerala State is lashed by the Arabian Sea and the majority of the people living along the coastal region are mainly marginal fishermen. They are almost entirely dependent upon fishing and allied jobs and fishing is their traditional occupation. Sea erosion especially during the monsoon seasons is causing grave situation and heavy losses, including of human lives have become a regular feature. With the commencement of the monsoon this year, many houses had collapsed, human lives were lost and coconut trees were uprooted. My constituency Badagara also witnesses heavy losses during this season, due to mighty waves and sea erosion.

It is essential that a comprehensive scheme should be envisaged to protect the sea coast as it is of strategic importance also. The Central Government had a scheme earlier to construct sea wall which had been abandoned. I urge upon the Government of India to take speedy measures to construct sea wall along the coast of Kerala.