

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1610  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**Rehabilitation of Fishermen Folks**

**1610. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:**

WILL THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme or projects to rehabilitate the fishermen folks who are facing the difficulties of severe coastal erosion, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government will initiate to raise the protective measures from coastal erosion in the coastal villages in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that hundreds of coastal villages including Chellanam in Ernakulam and Eriyad in Thrissur have been devastated due to the coastal erosion, if so, the details of the Government initiatives to rehabilitate the affected families and the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any schemes of projects to build sea walls or such measures to prevent coastal erosion or any such calamities from sea side in coastal villages, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)**

(a) & (b). Department of Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that sea protection walls and gryones have been constructed in some coastal areas which are prone to sea erosion so as to protect the fishing village from the sea erosion. Government of Kerala reported that a rehabilitation scheme called 'Punargaeham' is implemented under which the fishermen families residing within 50 M of High Tide Line (HTL) are provided funding support for house construction in identified lands away from the coasts. The unit cost for construction of individual house is Rs. 10 lakh per beneficiary which includes purchase of land and construction of house.

(c). Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala reported that about 274 households in Chellanam fishing village of Ernakulam District and 123 households in Azeekode fishing villages in Thrissur which includes the Eriyad area which are prone to sea erosion has been included under the rehabilitation scheme called 'Punargaeham', which envisages the total rehabilitation of fishermen families residing within 50 M of HTL.

(d). There is no component for construction of sea walls in the coastal areas under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme of the Department of Fisheries, Government of India. However, this Department extends assistance to the coastal States and Union Territories for construction of fishing harbours and fishing landing centres under the PMMSY scheme.

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