

Regarding need to enhance the financial assistance and revise the unit cost of fishing infrastructure to address the problems being faced by fishermen of Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh-Laid

SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI (MACHILIPATNAM): PM made a strong statement from Red Fort that he would stand tall like wall to protect interests of farmers, fishermen and cattle rearers and do everything for their livelihood, welfare and wellbeing. I represent Machilipatanam, which consist 20-22 lakh population, and is known for boat building, having huge fishermen and is known for shrimp and seafood export. But, fishermen of Machilipatnam are facing problems relating to boat building, fishing nets, subsidy given to fishermen, etc. Hence, I request the Minister of fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying to enhance small boats unit cost from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs 7.5 lakhs since unit cost was revised six years ago; cost of fishing net has gone up and there is need to increase the cost from Rs.70,000 to Rs.1 lakh; and increase engine cost for boats from Rs.1.35 lakhs to Rs.2 lakhs for welfare and wellbeing of fishermen community of Machilipatanam of Andhra Pradesh.