

Need to address the demands of the fishermen community relating to their welfare and well-being in 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 Machilipatnam, 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 when subsidy given to fishermen. Hence, I request Fisheries Minister to accept following genuine demands of fishermen community for welfare and wellbeing; (i) Need to enhance small boats unit cost from Rs.5 lakhs to Rs7.5 lakhs since unit cost was revised six years ago. (ii) Cost of fishing net has gone up and there is need to increase the cost from Rs.70,000 to Rs.1 lakh. (iii) Need to increase engine cost for boats from Rs.1.35 lakhs to Rs.2 lakhs.