

#### **Concern over the Indian fishermen captured in Pakistan**

SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI (Gujarat): Sir, amongst all the States in India, Gujarat has the longest coastline which stretches up to 1600 km and is dotted with fishing villages. A large population of the State relies on fishing for sustenance. Most of these fishermen are poor and uneducated. Due to lack of proper demarcation of territorial waters and no navigational tools, these Indian fishermen often stray into territorial waters under the control of Pakistan and are captured by the Pakistani authorities. As per the information available with the Government of Gujarat, 479 boats and 229 fishermen have been captured by Pakistan and are still in its custody. The Government of Gujarat has made 94 representations to the Ministry of External Affairs since 2005 seeking action to ensure release of fishermen detained in Pakistan. Many such fishermen have not been released. The long standing dispute of Sir Creek and the standoff on the issue of demarcation of an exclusive economic zone have made matters worse for these innocent fishermen and especially their families who find it hard to survive in the absence of the sole bread earners. In view of the above, I urge the Government to intervene in the matter to resolve this problem which threatens the survival of hundreds of fishermen, their families and thousands of other people who depend on these fishermen for their survival. Thank you.

**श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि (ओडिशा):** सर, मैं इनके विशेष उल्लेख का समर्थन करता हूँ।

**श्री तरुण विजय (उत्तराखंड):** सर, मैं इनके विशेष उल्लेख का समर्थन करता हूँ।

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we also associate ourselves with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member.

**Need to make a plan to provide concrete houses to the homeless people especially the Jhuggi Jhopri dwellers to protect them from the cold waves of the winter season.**

**श्री नरेन्द्र कुमार कश्यप (उत्तर प्रदेश):** महोदय, भारत वर्ष में करोड़ों गरीब बेघर होने के कारण नीले आसमान के नीचे अपना जीवन व्यतीत करने को मजबूर हैं, जिनमें से बहुत से लोग सड़कों के किनारे व बहुत से लोग जंगलों व वनों में रह रहे हैं। झुग्गी-झोपड़ियों में रहने वालों की संख्या भी करोड़ों में है। भारतीय जलवायु विभिन्न मौसम से बनती है, जिनमें जाड़ा एक सर्दी का बहुत ही ठंडा मौसम है। ठंडी के मौसम में पारा जीरो डिग्री से