

**Demand for sanctioning comprehensive special package
for diversification of fisheries in Tamil Nadu**

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I rise to appeal to the Centre for priority sanction of a Comprehensive Special Package for Diversification of Fisheries at a cost of ₹ 1,620 crores and a recurring grant of ₹ 10 crores per annum for maintenance dredging. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has submitted a memorandum to the hon. Prime Minister on 3rd June, 2014, seeking a special package to provide succour to Tamil Nadu fishermen who have been persistently attacked by Sri Lankan Navy. The package includes a provision of ₹ 975 crores over three years to procure new Deep Sea Tuna Long Liners so as to reduce the pressure of bottom-trawling boats in the Palk Bay and assistance for a Mid Sea Fish Processing Park at an approximate cost of ₹ 80 crores, including a Carrier Mother Vessel stationed at mid-sea to support and supply baby vessels. The Centre was requested to sanction a grant of ₹ 420 crores for the creation of infrastructural facilities for deep sea fishing in Mookaiyur and Rameshwaram Fishing Harbours in Ramanathapuram District, and Ennore Fishing Harbour in Tiruvallur District. It was requested to enhance the present annual allocation for motorisation of traditional crafts from the present level of ₹ 3 crores to, at least, ₹ 9 crores per year. In a letter dated 27th July, 2014, hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has sought a further subsidy of ₹ 100 crores for converting to gill nets to enable introduction of sustainable fishing practices in the Palk Bay. I appeal to the Centre to sanction this special package to Tamil Nadu on a priority basis.

**Need for more participation in BRICS and paying
more attention to new initiatives**

SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE (West Bengal): Participation of India in BRICS is an efficient tool to increase political authority in the world. Existing trends of cooperation contribute to strengthening of India as one of the new poles of the world. BRICS gives us new opportunities to implement global claims, which include permanent membership in the UNSC and to become a leader along with other developing countries like China, Brazil and South Africa.

In addition to prestige, coordination of actions in BRICS gives India an opportunity to assert its own interests on the global agenda including in the G-20. The forum has covered a long way from a conceptual idea to a structured institution.

New topics, crucial for India, are constantly being included in the five-sided dialogue. This organization holds a unique position in the global economy. It is the biggest market in the world having a total of 21 per cent of world GDP and this figure is steadily growing.

The last summit was in Brazil. The Durban summit road map has been achieved. For example, the New Development or BRICS Bank with a pool of currency reserves has been established. This mechanism gives the involved countries protection at macro-economic levels.