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To,

The Chairman/President of the Fishermen Societies/Associations

Sub: Fishing Order regd.....

Ref. This Office Letter No. DF/OFFS/SOC.ASSOC/COVID-19/2020-21/20 dtd: 11/04/2020

Sir,

With reference to above referred Letter on the noted subject, it is to inform that the Department had provided certain guidelines to follow while carrying out fishing activities during COVID-19. Further as per the Point No. 9 of the Order dtd: 11/04/2020 i.e. the owner of the fishing vessel shall provide details of the crew members to the officials of the Department posted at fish landing centers before venturing into the sea and after returning to the fish landing centers.

Further the Department vide its letter referred above had requested the Fishermen Cooperative Societies/Association to collect the details of the crew members before venturing into the sea and after returning to the fish landing centers and submit the same to the Fisheries Officer posted at the jetties.

Now it has come to the notice of this Department that some of the owner of the fishing vessel board the labour from the neighboring states in the middle of the sea, and hence there may be chances that, those labour may be COVID positive, which may lead to spread of diseases in the State.

In view of above it is hereby instructed to strictly follow the above mentioned Order, and if any case, comes into the notice of the Department, then the Department will cancel the Certificate of Fishing vessel /Fishing License certificate or any other action shall be initiated as per law. Further, all the crew members of the concerned vessel shall be kept in quarantine by the Health Department, at the cost of the owner of the fishing vessel. The society may also stop the Diesel supply to these vessels till further notice.

Further, it is to also inform that the strict action shall be taken against the owner of the fishing vessel for violation of any guidelines issued by the State Government and Central Government as per the National Disaster Management Act by the Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Fisheries