



NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SMALL SCALE FISHWORKERS (INLAND)

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Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, &
Chairperson,
National Executive Committee, Disaster Management.
Government of India.

Sub: Inclusion of inland fishing activities in the list of exemptions from restrictions issued under Consolidated Guidelines for lockdown measures and strict implementation of the Guidelines.

Respected Sir,

National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (I) conveys its sincere thanks to you and the Ministry of Home Affairs for inclusion of inland fishing activities in the list of exemptions from restrictions laid down in the Consolidated Guidelines for lockdown measures issued under the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 as in the following –

“6. B Fisheries – the following activities will be functional:

1. Operations of the fishing (**marine and inland**)/aquaculture industry, including feeding and maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing;
2. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
3. movement of fish, shrimp and fish products, fish seed/feed and workers for all these activities.”

It may be recalled that NPSSFW(I), in its letter dated 28.03.2020 (copy enclosed) addressed to you, had requested for exemption of fisheries related activities from the Lock Down.

It may further be recalled that immediately following the issuance of Consolidated Guidelines annexed to the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 NPSSFW(I) in its letter dt.11.04.2020 (copy enclosed) brought it to your kind notice that the vast fisheries activities involving inland fishing need to be exempted from restrictions.

We assure you that NPSSFW(I) and its affiliate organisations will help their level best in strict implementation of the **National Directives for Covid-19 Management annexed to the Consolidated Guidelines**. NPSSFW(I), as the national platform for small scale fish workers of the country, has issued an advisory (copy enclosed) specifically for fish workers and their organisations for taking necessary precaution against Covid-19 infestation.

Thanking you,

With best regards,

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