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Dr. S. Jaishankar,
Honourable Minister,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, Raisina Hills.
New Delhi - 110011

Sub: Release of Indian small scale fisher Pranab Mondal from the custody of Bangladesh

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that on October 17, 2019 Pranab Mondal, a poor fisherman of the village Shirochar in Jalangi Block of Murshidabad District of West Bengal, India was arrested by the Border Guard of Bangladesh while fishing in the river Padma that borders Bangladesh. Pranab Mondal is the only earning member of his family comprising of his more than 95 year old frail mother, his wife, two school going daughters and one school going son. It is now three months since Pranab Mondal was arrested by the BGB. Without their only earning member the family is starving. We, from our organization are trying to help our level best, but as a union of small scale fish workers our resources are also limited.

We, therefore, ardently request you to kindly look into the matter and see that the poor fisher Pranab Mondal is released from the custody of Bangladesh without any further delay and his family is saved from starvation.

Yours Sincerely,

Pradip Chatterjee

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President,

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