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Memo No- DMF/VP/EM/17(2)/22

To
Sri AkhilGiri,
Minister-of-State (Independent Charge),
Department of Fisheries,
Benfish Tower
8th Floor, 31 GN Block, Sector V,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091

Date: 28.02.2022

Sub: Non-disbursal of identity cards to fishers in the Community Development Block of Patashpur I in PurbaMedinipur district

Sir,

This is to bring to your urgent attention that identity cards for fishermen are not being distributed and/or no action has been taken by the offices of ADF, Purba Medinipur and BDO, Patashpur-1 for distribution of such identity cards to needy fishers in the said Block, despite repeated appeals.

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It is important to note that small-scale fishers are an economically marginalized community and a host of social-security measures have been planned by the Government for their benefit and upliftment, yet a huge majority of them remains



deprived from these social-security benefits because they do not possess the most basic document to claim such benefits, i.e. a government identity card.

This delay in granting identity cards to fishers amounts to denial of their fundamental rights to life and livelihood and is causing immense hardship. We therefore appeal to you to immediately take such steps as are necessary to ensure that proper identity cards are issued to the fishers in the above referred villages and others without further delay.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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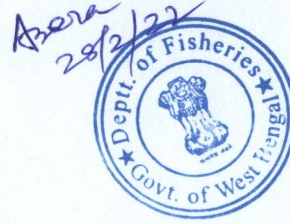
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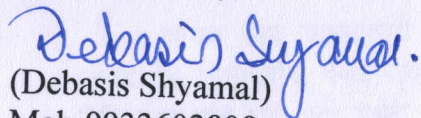
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২) সমষ্টি উন্নয়ন আধিকারিক
পটাশপুর ১ ব্লক
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বিষয়ঃ পটাশপুর-১ ব্লকের অভ্যন্তরীণ মৎস্যজীবীদের সরকারি পরিচয়পত্রের জন্য আবেদন।

মহাশয়,

আমরা নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারী আবেদনকারীগণ পটাশপুর -১ ব্লকের অন্তর্গত বাড়মফল, তালাডিহা, সেলমাবাঁধ, ত্রিশূলাবাঁধ, ধকড়াবাঁকা, আমগাছিয়া এবং চিন্তিপুর ভেড়ি গ্রামের বাসিন্দা। আমরা দীর্ঘদিন যাবৎ মিষ্টি জলে মাছ চাষ এবং মৎস্য কর্মী হিসেবে কাজ করে আসছি। মৎস্য চাষ আমাদের প্রধান জীবিকা। মৎস্য দপ্তর মৎস্যজীবীদের জন্য বিভিন্ন প্রকল্প চালু করলেও সকল সুবিধে থেকে আমরা বঞ্চিত। বিশেষ করে মৎস্যজীবীদের জন্য জীবিকার পরিচয়পত্র যে সরকার থেকে দেওয়া হয় সেই বিষয়ে আমাদের সম্যক কোন ধারণা ছিল না। জীবিকার স্বীকৃতি হিসেবে সরকারি পরিচয়পত্র পাওয়া একটি মৌলিক অধিকার। সেই অধিকার থেকে আমরা দীর্ঘদিন যাবৎ বঞ্চিত।

মহাশয়ের নিকট আবেদন চিন্তিপুর ১ এবং ২, অমর্ষি-২, এবং গোপালপুর ৬ পঞ্চায়েতের অধীন সমস্ত মৌজার মৎস্যজীবীদের নাম নথিভুক্ত করুন এবং এই এলাকার সকল মৎস্যকর্মী যাতে সরকারী পরিচয়পত্র পায় তার জন্য ব্যবস্থা নিন।

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