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To,
The District Magistrate,
Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh.

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

This is to bring your kind notice the unjust seizure of dried 'punti' fish of a small-scale fisher by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department in Gram Samaj Puskarini. Mr. Shyam Badhai (address- Village Navalpur, Post- Dharmnagari, District Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, Pin- 246701; Aadhaar No. 3628 4348 0329; Mobile No.- 9756284559), son of Keshav Badhai was drying 'Punti' - pool barb (*Puntius sophore*) in the sun on the banks of Gram Samaj Puskarini which is situated 200 meters away from his home in the village of Navalpur. The said fish was harvested by Mr. Badhai from a stretch of River Ganges near the Haiderpur Wetland. This may be mentioned that Punti fish is small sized by species and the confiscated fish was not juvenile.

On 18th March 2025, at around 11 a.m., 3 to 4 forest guards with 3 to 4 policemen came to the Gram Samaj Puskarini. They confiscated around 300 Kg of dried punti of Mr. Shyam Badhai. However, they did not give any prior written notice or information about that. Even no written order was shown or given to Mr. Shyam Badhai at the time of confiscation of the fish. Neither a seizure receipt was issued at the time of seizure.

As you might know, the small-scale fishing communities residing on the banks of Ganges make their livelihood from the available fish resources of River Ganges. Small species of fish harvested from the river provide a cheap source of protein and thus play an important role in securing the nutritional needs of the community. Therefore, such unjust confiscation of dried fish of a small-scale fisher not only threatens their livelihood, but also the nutritional security of the local communities.

The National Federation of Small-Scale Fishworkers (NFSF) condemns the unjust confiscation of dried Punti of Mr. Shyam Badhai by the Forest Department.

We request you to look into the matter and take necessary action so that the fish harvested and dried with labour and sweat by Mr. Shyam Badhai is returned back to him at the earliest. We would also request you to kindly issue instructions to the police against such unjust confiscation.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Milan Das
Secretary,

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