



NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SMALL SCALE FISHWORKERS

Memo No. NPSSF/Convener – 002/24

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**Smt. Mamata Banerjee,
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of West Bengal.**

Sub: Decision to provide livelihood assistance of Rs. 5,000/- per month to marine fishers during fishing ban period under 'Samudra Sathi' scheme.

Respected Madam,

Greetings from the National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSF), the largest organisation of small-scale fish workers in India.

NPSSF welcomes the decision of the Government of West Bengal to provide livelihood assistance of Rs. 5,000/- per month to marine fishers during fishing ban period. NPSSF and Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum (DMF) have been raising the demand for providing Rs. 5,000/- per month to all fish workers affected by the fishing ban period in India and West Bengal respectively for a long time. Our heartfelt thanks to you for taking this just and much needed decision.

Your decision to provide livelihood assistance of Rs. 5,000/- per month to marine fishers during fishing ban period will go a long way in helping not only the poor small scale fishers to sustain themselves and their families during the fishing ban period, but also in strict implementation of the fishing ban which is very important for reproduction of the natural fish stock.

Further, it will help the small scale fishing communities of the country to push forward with this demand nationally and in their respective states.

We look forward to your graceful support in protecting the life and livelihood of small scale fishing communities and their natural resource base.

Yours Sincerely,

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