



NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SMALL SCALE FISHWORKERS

Memo No. NPSSFW/Conv. – 14/22

Dt. 11.05.2022

Shri Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel,
Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Sub: Request to take immediate steps to redress grievances of Muslim fishing communities in Gosabara Wetlands in Porbandar.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from the National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW), the largest organization of small scale fishing communities of the country.

We have been shocked to come across the news covered by national media that a petition has been filed in the High Court at Ahmedabad by a leader of the Gosabara Muslim Macchimar Samaj praying for permission to commit euthanasia by their 600 members.

It is learnt from the media reports that about 100 fishers of the community are not being allowed to park their fishing boats at Gosabara or Navi Bandar. It is further learnt that the community of fishers are also not getting any benefit of government schemes or assistance that are made available to other fishing communities. This is happening in spite of the fact that the fishers of the community hold government licenses to fish with Pilana boats (Hodi). It is also alleged that the concerned government authorities did not take any action to redress the grievances despite many petitions and appeals made on behalf of the fishing community.

It is understandable that the petition for mass euthanasia has been filed out of desperation due to continuous neglect and harassment by the concerned authorities and as a last resort to draw the attention of the judiciary and the government to the plight of the Gosabara Muslim Macchimar Samaj.

We request you to take immediate steps to address the grievances of the aggrieved fishing communities and direct the concerned authorities accordingly. It is not a big matter for the Government of Gujarat to protect the livelihood of 100 fishers. We believe that your Government will implement '**Sabke Saath, Sabke Bikash**' in letter and spirit.

Yours sincerely,

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