



## NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SMALL SCALE FISHWORKERS

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Memo No. NPSSFW/Conv.- 29/22

September 29, 2022

**Sri Pramod Sawant,  
Chief Minister, Goa.**

Subject: Provide immediate protection to Sebastian Rodrigues, stop sand mining, book miscreants.

Sir,

Dr. Sebastian Rodrigues, National Council member of the National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW) and well known social activist of the state of Goa has been threatened with murder and dire consequences for protesting against illegal sand mining carried out at midnight in Mandovi river at the Amboi-Vanxim Ferry.

This is highly deplorable that –

1. After Dr. Rodrigues lodged the complaint with the Old Goa Police Station, the police came to the spot of sand mining, but went away without booking the boats involved in sand mining;
2. The illegal sand mining continued even after the complaint was lodged and the local police inspected the area;
3. On 25th September, 2022 one Premanand Tari, a staff of the Police Department, threatened Dr. Sebastian Rodrigues with murder and dire consequences.

It is of grave concern that a member of the police staff has been involved in illegal sand mining and threatened a well known social activist like Dr. Sebastian Rodrigues. Add to it the threat posed to the security of citizens due to leakage of information of the complaints from a police station to the miscreants.

We are given to understand that the police have lodged FIR against two persons, including Premanand Tari. Though belated, we consider this to be a move in the right direction and urge upon you to take immediate and effective steps to stop illegal sand mining, arrest and prosecute the miscreants and protect Dr. Sebastian Rodrigues from all threats to his life and well being.

Yours Sincerely,

Enclosure: Copy of the Complaint lodged by  
Dr. Sebastian Rodrigues.

Pradip Chatterjee,  
National Convener, NPSSFW

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Copy with a copy of the enclosure forwarded for information and necessary action to –

1. The Director General of Police, Goa.

Pradip Chatterjee