

M. KARUNANIDHI  
CHIEF MINISTER



SECRETARIAT  
CHENNAI - 600 009

Date..17-12-2009

Dear Pawan /

In my D.O. Letter dated 19-11-2009, I brought to your kind notice the real apprehensions of the Tamilnadu Fishermen about certain adverse Clauses in the draft Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Act, 2009 which aimed at regulating fishing activities Exclusive Economic Zone beyond territorial waters. I also brought to your notice the provisions of the draft bill which are considered detrimental to the fishermen of the State.

You may also recall the discussion Thiru Dayanidhi Maran, Union Minister of Textiles had with you in this regard, on my advice, and the subsequent interview you had given to the press to dispel the fears of the fishermen.

I am extremely happy to note that you have deferred the introduction of the above Bill and that the Government of India will follow a consensus approach after wider and detailed consultations with all concerned before finalising this legislation.

On behalf of the fisherfolk of Tamil Nadu, I convey my thankfulness to you for having taken a decision not to introduce this Bill in the current session based on the request made by me. I am also thankful to you and to the Government of India for taking a good and timely decision taking into account the problems of the fishermen in the country.

வெளியீடு, இயக்குநர்.  
செய்தி, மக்கள் தொடர்புத் துறை,  
கலைமைச் செயலகம். சென்னை 5

Kind regards  
Yours sincerely,  
M. Karunanidhi  
(M. Karunanidhi.)

To

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Government of India,  
New Delhi.