

Press Release

Tamil Nadu Government have issued orders to release the Sri Lankan fishing boats (1) Maria Rosa Mistica, (2) Maha Gurugae, (3) Aminthaputha, (4) Neil Marine, (5) Rasmi and (6) Sudesh Marine to its owners through the Deputy High Commissioner for, Sri Lanka at Chennai . These six boats with 28 fishermen were apprehended on 20.6.2008. After obtaining due procedures the fishermen were already released. The boats which have been confiscated are also now ordered to be released.

2. 34 Sri Lankan fishermen with their seven fishing vessels viz. Jeyamala-I, Samiru, Tharsana Putha, Samintha - I, Samitha-II, Kavisani and Samira Putha were apprehended on 24.3.3009 by the Indian Coast Guard in the Indian territorial waters near Nagapattinam.

3. Tamil Nadu Government, after careful examination have decided to release and repatriate 34 Sri Lankan fishermen along with their 7 boats to Sri Lanka.

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