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Text of the D.O. letter dated 20.4.2020 of **Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Dr. Jaishankar**, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Dear Dr.Jaishankar Ji,

I am writing this letter to request you to make arrangements for food, water and other basic needs of around thousand fishermen from India (around 650 fishermen are from Tamil Nadu), who are stranded in Chiruyeh, Kish, Lavan, Bandar-eMogham, Asaluyeh and other places in Iran. In this regard, I had already requested you in my earlier letter dated 28.2.2020 to direct the Embassy of India in Iran to provide the required support to the fishermen and also to make arrangements for their safe and immediate return to India.

Government of Tamil Nadu is receiving repeated requests from the stranded fishermen and their families to provide food, water and other basic needs and it is also reported to me that they are suffering in foreign soil without adequate food and other basic needs.

Hence, I request your good office to direct the Embassy of India in Iran again to arrange food, water and other basic needs immediately to the stranded fishermen and also to arrange for their early return to India.

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