

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**PRESS RELEASE****Honourable Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
inspection of Chennai Fishing Harbour on 22.01.2021**

The Chennai Fishing Harbour was constructed during 1985, facilitated to berth 575 Nos of Mechanized fishing vessels. Improvements works were carried out to this Fishing Harbour and at present 1000 Nos of mechanised fishing vessels and 1370 Nos of FRP Boats are being operated from this Fishing Harbour.

During the past 10 years (2010-2020) improvements and modernisation works were carried out to an amount of Rs.108.07 crores by Government of Tamil Nadu. As a part of improvement, main wharf to a length of 500m, Finger Jetties to a length of 700m and additional wharf to a length 450m, one Auction Hall and 168 Nos of fish selling stalls were created.

About 200 tonnes of fish catches are being handled daily in this harbour, 30% of catches are being sent to other states.

Towards decongesting the boats in berthing area, and to minimise the crowd in selling areas, and to repair the internal roads and for hygienic handling of fishes and to maintain the proper cold chain facilities, it is proposed to modernise the Fishing Harbour at a cost of Rs.120.00 crore.

In the proposal of Modernisation of Fishing Harbour, facilities like additional wharf near Eastern Breakwater to a length of 300m, Finger jetty to a length of 150m, lower level wharf for 100m, fish processing hall, public utility complex, 120 Nos of retail shops, Computerised vessel monitoring system, Solar power system and water supply arrangements are proposed along with required cold chain facilities boats repair yard, marketing centre to interact with buyers the fishermen explained auction place and other basic facilities etc.,

Shri.Giriraj Singh, the Honorable Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying called on Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at his residence on 22.01.2021 in the presence of Thiru.D.Jayakumar Honorable Minister for Fisheries and Personnel and Administration Reforms Department Thiru. Udumalai. K.Radhakrishnan, Honorable Minister for Animal Husbandry

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Department, and Thiru. K.T. Rajendra Balaji, Honorable Minister for Milk and Dairying Development. During discussion, the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also emphasised the importance of developing the Kasimedu Fishing Harbour further.

The Honorable Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has visited the Chennai Fishing Harbour on 22.01.2021 at Forenoon along with Thiru.Rajiv Ranjan, IAS, Union Secretary, Department of Fisheries and Dr.Balaji, IAS, Joint Secretary, Government of India. During inspection, Dr.K.Gopal IAS, the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department explained elaborately about present status of Chennai Fishing Harbour, present facilities and infrastructures available in the harbour, the necessity for the improvements and modernisation of Chennai Fishing Harbour for future needs and development. The Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department also explained the benefits on Modernisation of Fishing Harbour in respect of developments in livelihood of fisherfolk, increase in employment opportunities and to help the fishermen and fisher women, exporters, retailers and consumers etc. Honorable Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has informed that the proposal will be considered by Government of India.

During the inspection of Chennai Fishing Harbour by Honorable Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Union Secretary, Fisheries Department, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Joint Secretary Government of India, Thiru.J.Jayakanthan, IAS, Commissioner of Fisheries, Thiru.V.Raju, Chief Engineer, Tmt.Sithalakshmi IAS, District Collector, Chennai, Thiru.Balaji IRTS, Deputy Chairman Chennai Port Trust, Member of Fishermen Societies and public were attended.

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