

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 28.2.2020 of **Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Dr.S.Jaishankar**, Hon'ble Union Minister for External Affairs, New Delhi.

I bring to your kind attention the plight of around 450 fishermen from India including 300 fishermen from Tamil Nadu who are working in various fishing vessels berthed and operating in various ports of Iran. These fishermen are reportedly stranded in Port Kish, Cheeru and other places in Iran, due to the cancellation of flights, because of the outbreak of Corona Virus in Iran. The fishermen are requesting to evacuate them from Iran immediately.

I request your good office 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.

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