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Sub: Overseas Indians -- Welfare of Indian Citizens working abroad -- Fishermen of Kanyakumari and Ramanathapuram Districts working in Saudi Arabia/Bahrain -- Entry into Qatar waters -- Arrested by Qatar authorities -- Imprisoned --Repatriation requested.

I write this letter seeking your kind intervention for the immediate release of 43 fishermen from Tamil Nadu, who had gone to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain for working as fishermen and subsequently imprisoned by the authorities of the Government of Qatar for having inadvertently entered into the waters of Qatar. Government of Tamil Nadu has already addressed the Indian Embassy at Doha, Qatar through the Ministry of External Affairs in this regard.

2) I shall be grateful for your good offices to provide necessary legal assistance to the imprisoned fishermen and take up this issue with the Government of Qatar for immediate release of these innocent fishermen from Tamil Nadu on humanitarian grounds.

Yours sincerely, Sd/-(M. KARUNANIDHI)

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To

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Thiru.Vayalar Ravi, Hon'ble Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. செய்த, மக்கள் தொடர்புத் துறைற