- The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Raj Niwas, Port Blair.
- The Chief Secretary,
   Andaman and Nicobar Administration,
   Secretariat,
   Port Blair.

Sub: Submission of complaint against Smti. Iti Agarwal, Directorate of Fisheries for insulting Fishermen Community representatives in her chamber on 08-08-2022 - Request for necessary action - Regarding.

Respected Sir (s),

Most respectfully, it is to bring to your kind information that the A&N Administration has appointed me as Govt. Nominee of Andaman and Nicobar Fisheries Cooperative Federation Limited, Port Blair, for the welfare of the Fisheries developmental activities in A&N Islands.

With a great amount of grief and agony I am forced to bring to your kind notice that Shri Bichehendra Mallik, Zonal Manager, Bank of Maharastra, Kolkata alongwith his Port Blair Branch team have come to help the Fishermen under PMMSY Scheme. Myself alongwith Zonal Manager, Shri S.U. Maheswar Rao, Governing Body Member of NFDB (Representative from A&N Islands) and other Fishermen Association representatives have visited the Director of Fisheries, A&N Administration on 08.08.2022 to discuss various issues pertaining to PMMSY. The Bank of Maharastra has already communicated to the Director of Fisheries about Bank officials visit. When we visited the Directorate of Fisheries. the Director of Fisheries made us to wait for nearly an hour, though it was visiting hours. Even after lapse of one hour also she was not calling for discussion. Then the message was passed through PA to Director of Fisheries and the Director of Fisheries asked Shri S.U. Maheswar Rao, Governing Body Member of NFDB to come inside the cabin and the said Bank Manager was not allowed to discuss and he left the office with great insult. Then myself and Shri S.U. Maheswar Rao met her and while asking about the discussion with the Bank Manager, she has insulted me by shouting at me and asked me to get out of the cabin. I have gone to discuss various issues of PMMSY in presence of the Bank Zonal Manager, she has neither considered our request nor given respect to the officials and fishermen. Her rude behaviour towards fishermen community and asking us to get out, is a great insult for me and for my community. Since our request was not considered and insulted before the officials, immediately I called the media and narrated the issue. Such an adamant and rude behaviour of Director of Fisheries towards Fishermen community and it clearly indicates that she is not bothering to help the fishermen because of her rude behaviour no fishermen is dare to meet her.

In view of this, I request Hon'ble Lt. Governor, and the Chief Secretary Sir to kindly take appropriate action on the rude behaviour and insulting a Govt. nominee of a Federation and representatives of Fishermen Associations.

Further, since her taking over charge, no developmental activities are taking place as she is not approachable to Fishermen. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries Dr. L. Murugan also witnessed her activities. She is not giving time to discuss and resolve the issues of Fishermen community and every fishermen is frightening to meet her.

Therefore, I request your excellency to kindly appoint a suitable official to serve as Director (Fisheries) who could see the developmental prospects of Fishermen community of A&N Islands.

With a great hope that your Excellency will treat this matter very seriously to help the Fishermen community of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Thanking you Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Port Blair,

Dated: 08-08-2022

(B Hema Raju)

Govt. Nominee, A&N Fisheries Cooperative Federation Ltd., Port Blair; & General Secretary, Fishermen Welfare Association,

A&N Islands.

Copy to :-

1. The Secretary (Fisheries), A&N Administration, Port Blair, for kind information.

2. Shri S.U.Maheswar Rao, Member of Governing Body NFDB (Representative of A&N Islands), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI, for information.

(B Hema Raju)