

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Fisheries & Ports (B) Department
ORDER

G.O.(P) 23/88/F&PD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 2nd July, 1988

S.R.O. No. 831/88—WHEREAS the Government are convinced of the need to protect the interest of different sections of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamaran, country crafts or canoes;

AND WHEREAS, it is considered necessary to maintain laws and order in the sea;

AND WHEREAS, the Government Consider that there is need to conserve fish wealth;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981), read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980 and in super session of G.O. (P) 20/88/F&PD dated the 29th June, 1988, published as S.R.O. No. 794/88 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 564 dated 29th June, 1988, the Government of Kerala hereby prohibit the use of bottom trawl throughout the area in the sea along the entire coast line of the State from Kollengode to Manjeswaram notified as specified area under notification G.O. (P) 22/88/F&PD dated the 2nd July, 1988 published as S.R.O. No. 830 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.577 dated the 2nd July, 1988 (except the area falling between Paravoor—South Pozhi and Cheriyaazheekal of Quilon District which is an area falling between latitude $08^{\circ} 46' 00''$ and $09^{\circ} 05' 00''$) up to the period ending with 31st August, 1988 of the Monsoon season.

By order of the Governor,

R.C. CHOUDHURY,

Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of this notification but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Section 4,1 (d) empowers Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of such fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed.

There have been persistent demands from the traditional fishermen for a ban on trawling by mechanized boats during June, July, August on the ground that such trawling

has been adversely affecting the conservation fish wealth and their share of earnings from fishing.

Consequently, there have also been frequent clashes between the fishermen belonging to the traditional sector leading to serious law and order situation and loss of property.

Therefore, Government have decided to ban trawling throughout the territorial waters of Kerala during monsoon period. However an exemption is proposed for the area lying between Paravoor – South Pozhi and Cheriyaazheekal due to the reason that there is heavy concentration of Karikadi (*P. Stylfera*) in inshore area during these monsoon months which if not exploited than is likely to perish. The catching of these prawn contribution to increase in export, bringing more foreign exchange, besides generating more employment opportunities.

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.