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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Fisheries and Ports (B) Department  
NOTIFICATION**

G.O.(P) 18 / 93 / F & PD.

Dated Trivandrum 2nd June 1993

**S.R.O. No. 844 / 93** – WHEREAS the Government are convinced of the need to conserve fish wealth and there by to protect the interest 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 imperative to maintain law and order in the sea;

AND WHEREAS there is need to avoid loss of human life and property due to accident in the sea during squally weather conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of subsection (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, the Government of Kerala hereby prohibit bottom trawl in the sea along the entire coast line of the State not beyond the territorial waters specified under G.O. (P) 136 / 84 / PWF & PD dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1984 published as S.R.O. No. 1496 / 84 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary, No. 1055 dated the 3rd December 1984 for the period from 15th June 1993 to the 15th July 1993.

**By order of the Governor,  
C. CHANDRAN  
Secretary to Govt**

**Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification; but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Clause (d) of sub section 1 of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980, empowers Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of such fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed. Sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act prescribed the grounds for invoking the powers under section 4.

There have been persistent demands from various sections of fishing community for imposing ban on bottom trawling on the ground that the bottom trawling during the monsoon period has been adversely affecting the conservation of fish wealth and their share of earnings from fishing. Consequently there have been clashes between the fishermen belonging to the traditional sector and mechanized sector leading to serious law and order problems in the sea.

There have been frequent occurrences of squally weather condition in the sea during monsoon, leading to accident resulting in loss of human life and property.

Therefore the Government after considering all the aspects relating to the matter, particularly the adverse effect of bottom trawling, decided to ban bottom trawling in the territorial waters of the state during the monsoon period from the 15th June 1993 to 15th July 1993.

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.