

Fisheries Meeting

Date : 14th July 2006 (Friday)
Time : 4:00 pm to 05:25 pm
Venue : Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam
Chaired by : Mr. Tenkasi S Jawahar IAS, District Collector
Joint Director of Fisheries

The following are the gist of the meeting of fishermen across the district with the District Collector. The fishermen expressed their grievances and the District Collector responded to their problems by directing the problem to the concerned officials. Excerpts:

Keezhapattinacherry

- 43 tsunami dead have not got central compensation
- 126 permanent houses have been cleared. Same asked for the rest of beneficiaries.

SNEHA

- **SNEHA** complained about a bus conductor, Mr. Selvam, in the bus from Poombuhar to Mayiladuthurai who has been treating the women fish vendors very badly. He has been charging them more than the ticket besides getting fish from them. Last week, he had thrown the vessels and food packets of a vendor out from the bus for no reason. The bus route is 408.

The District Collector asked the Director of Tamil Nadu transport corporation for the district to change the conductor before Monday, the 17th July.

- **SNEHA** also asked for compensation of fishing nets that are destroyed by the vessels carrying out the work for Sethu Samudra Project.

The District Collector said that a Sethu Samudra Project office in Nagapattinam is going to be set up in a couple of days to study these problems and would give compensation.

- It also requested to form a separate welfare board for the fishermen of the district

Kodiyakkarai

- Death compensation for five families that lost people in rain and cyclone asked.

Poombuhar

- The total needed permanent houses are 1150. The allotted are 850. The people asked if 300 houses BSNL promised to take up would be built. The District Collector promised to confirm later. The people also insisted the District Collector on handing over the houses before the monsoon.
- Asked for registration of 100 boats. The District Collector directed it to the AD fisheries.
- Request for one more bus for school students between 8.30 to 9.00 am asked. The request was granted. The bus would be operated from Monday, from Mayiladuthurai to Melayur.

Periyakuthagai

- Complain for no allocation of permanent houses to the village. The District Collector asked **NCRC** to visit and give him a report

Kameswaram

- Road asked to be mended. Bus facility asked.
- Complaint against permanent construction: 210 houses allotted; now PCI is constructing 160 only. Others???

Nagore & Thoduvai

- ID card for fishermen asked
The District Collector asked the AD to organise various camp for the same with publicity and pre announcement starting from Kodiyakkarai.
- Separate bus for women fish vendors that was in operation before 25 years was asked to resume
- Death compensation delays are asked to be cleared at the earliest
- Deposit of tsunami orphaned money to the account of the guardian reminded

- Technical problems in converting cheques given by the government in the second phase reported. Tsunami Thasildar was directed to look in to the problem
- **A strong request to The District Collector:** A man speaks: - *“We have been experiencing the ‘rule’ of the NGOs in our villages after the tsunami. We believed them and have been submissive to them to get benefits. But, even after one and half year of their presence, we have not got our houses; not returned to normal life. Please end the ‘rule’ of NGOs and give us our normal life back”.*