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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
Fisheries and Ports (B) Department  
NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 10/2016/F&PD.  
Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9th June, 2016  
26th Idavam, 1191.

S. R. O. No. 417/2016.—WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala are convinced of the need to conserve fish wealth and thereby to protect the interests of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamarans, country crafts or canoes;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to conserve and regulate fishing on a scientific basis;

AND WHEREAS, it is imperative to maintain law and order in the sea and offshore of Kerala coast;

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 sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 10 of 1981), read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980, the Government of Kerala hereby prohibit the use of bottom trawl in the sea, along the entire coast line of the State of Kerala within the area specified under G. O. (P) No. 136/84/PWF&PD dated the 30th November, 1984, published as S.R.O. No. 1496/84 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1005 dated the 3rd December, 1984 for a period of 47 days with effect from the 15th day of June, 2016 to 31st day of July, 2016 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Governor,

JAMES VARGHESE,

*Principal Secretary to Government.*

### **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 read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980 empowers the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed. Sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act prescribes the ground 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 would adversely affect the

conservation of fish wealth and their share of earning from fishing. Consequently, there have been clashes between the fishermen belonging to traditional sector and mechanized sector leading to serious law and order problems in the sea.

There have been frequent occurrence of squally weather conditions in the sea during monsoon leading to accidents resulting in loss of human life and property.

The Government after considering all the aspects relating to the matter, particularly the adverse effect of bottom trawling, have decided to ban bottom trawling, in the territorial waters of the State of Kerala for a period of 47 days in the monsoon season starting from 15th June, 2016 to 31st July, 2016.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.