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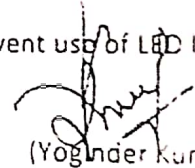
F.No.21001/3/2014-Fy(Ind)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 10th November, 2017

ORDER

The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries being the nodal Department for matters relating to fishing and fisheries in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters, vide Entry 57 list 1 of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, orders in exercise of the powers conferred, hereunder to prohibit:

- (i) Fishing in the EEZ beyond territorial waters by bull or pair trawling;
 - (ii) Use or installation or operation of surface or submerged artificial lights / LED lights, fish light attractors or any other light equipment with or without generator on mechanized fishing vessel or motorized fishing craft for trawling, purse-seining and gill netting operations in the Indian EEZ beyond Territorial waters.
2. The order will be binding on all fishing vessels and their supporting, supply and auxiliary vessels operating in the Indian EEZ from the date of issue of this order. The advisory issued by this Department vide O.M. of even number dated 29th August, 2016 regarding use of LED light fishing stands withdrawn, henceforth.
 3. Coast Guard is requested to take necessary steps to prevent use of LED light fishing in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters.
 4. All the maritime States / UTs are advised to take necessary steps to prevent use of LED light fishing within and beyond the territorial waters.



(Yoginder Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Distribution:

1. Secretaries in-charge of Fisheries of all coastal States/UTs
2. Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
3. Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice
4. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences
5. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
6. Chairman, Central Board of Excise & Customs
7. Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
8. Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board
9. NIC, DADF: with request for posting this order on the website of this Department.