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Instances have come to the notice of the Department of Fisheries that some fishers, fish farmers, and members of the general public in the South Andaman District are resorting to the use of harmful chemicals for catching fish in the nearby nallahs and ponds.

This practice, which involves using toxic chemicals to render fish unconscious and facilitate easier capture, not only leads to severe environmental pollution but also poses a significant risk to the food chain, as the toxins may enter it through contaminated fish.

Under the A&N Islands Marine Fishing Rules, such practices are a serious offence. The Department of Fisheries, as per the terms and conditions of these rules, advises all fishers and fish farmers to refrain from using harmful chemicals for fishing.

Any violators of these rules will be dealt with strictly, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

The Department urges the public to engage in responsible and sustainable fishing practices to protect the environment and ensure the long-term health of the local marine ecosystem.

(Authorised Officer) Zonal Fisheries Office (SA)

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ZONAL FISHERIES OFFICE दक्षिण अंडमान SOUTH ANDAMAN

Port Blair, dated the February, 2025

Copy to :-

- 1. The PA to the Director of Fisheries for kind information of the Director (Fy.).
- 2. The Chief Editor, 'The Daily Telegrams' Port Blair with the request to publish the above Press Note in "The Daily Telegrams".
- 3. The Officer in-Charge, T.P. Division, Directorate of IP&T, Port Blair for publishing in the local news papers.
 - 4. The News Editor, All India Radio, Port Blair with the request to broadcast the above Press Note in the local News Bulletin.
- 5. The Director, Doordarshan, Port Blair with the request to broadcast the above Press Note through "Dweep Darpan".
- 6. All the Area Fishery Officers/ Station In-charges and Sagar Mitras under South Andaman for information and strict compliance.

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