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PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF A NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 18A (1) OF THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 25 OF 1952, APPEARING IN "GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" EXTRAORDINARY No. 10,759 OF JANUARY 28, 1955

NOTICE is hereby given that on the orders of the Hon. Minister of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries, the above notification appointing a Committee consisting of Mr. R. R. Crossin, Esq., M.A., Chevalier C. H. Z. Fernando and Sir Philip Rodrigo, Kt., O.B.E., to inquire into and report on a fishing dispute in Chilaw Waters is cancelled.

Colombo 3, February 10, 1955.

S. F. AMERASINGHE,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries.

10th February, 1955.

✓ My No. PF/1166.

SIR,

Reference under the Fisheries Ordinance

In terms of section 18A (1) of the Fisheries Ordinance, No. 24 of 1940, as amended by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 1952, I refer a dispute regarding fishing rights in Chilaw waters that has arisen between two groups of fishermen resident in Chilaw to a Committee consisting of—

A. E. Christoffelsz, Esq., C.M.G.,
Chevalier C. H. Z. Fernando,
Sir Philip Rodrigo, Kt., O.B.E.,

for public inquiry and report.

2. I nominate Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz to be Chairman.
3. The subject matter of the dispute, as far as can be ascertained, is as follows:—

A dispute has arisen between the fishermen resident in Chilaw Town and the fishermen resident on a part of the foreshore of Chilaw. For convenience, they will be referred to hereafter as the "town fishermen" and the "wadiya fishermen" respectively.

The town fishermen complain that the wadiya fishermen leave early for the fishing grounds and throw their bait consisting of bits of chopped fish to attract fish both for their net fishing and line fishing. The town fishermen use prawn for their bait which they are unable to collect before 5 a.m. in the morning or thereabouts as the prawns are not available earlier, and they arrive on the fishing grounds very much later than the wadiya fishermen. A further reason for their being late on the fishing grounds is the necessity to travel a longer distance than the wadiya fishermen to reach the fishing ground. When they arrive on the fishing grounds, they find no fish since the fish attracted by the bait thrown by the wadiya fishermen had either been caught or had taken the bait and escaped never to return.

4. Since all matters in dispute may not have been specified in the representations already made I request the Committee to inquire into any matters incidental or related to the dispute as outlined above, and to make its report on all such matters.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

S. C. SHIRLEY CORREA,
Minister of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries.

A. E. Christoffelsz, Esq., C.M.G.
Chevalier C. H. Z. Fernando.
Sir Philip Rodrigo, Kt., O.B.E.

**NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 18A (3) OF THE FISHERIES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 25 OF 1952**

IN terms of section 18A (1) of the Fisheries Ordinance, No. 24 of 1940, as amended by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 1952, the Honourable the Minister of Commerce, Trade and Fisheries has referred a dispute regarding fishing rights in Chilaw waters that has arisen between two groups of fishermen resident in Chilaw, to us, for public inquiry and report.

2. The subject-matter of the dispute, as far as can be ascertained, is as follows:—

A dispute has arisen between the fishermen resident in Chilaw Town and the fishermen resident on a part of the foreshore of Chilaw. For convenience, they will be referred to hereafter as the "Town fishermen" and the "Wadiya fishermen" respectively.

The town fishermen complain that the wadiya fishermen leave early for the fishing grounds and throw their bait consisting of bits of chopped fish to attract fish both for their net fishing and line fishing. The town fishermen use prawn for their bait which they are unable to collect before 5 a.m. in the morning or thereabouts as the prawns are not available earlier, and they arrive on the fishing grounds very much later than the wadiya fishermen. A further reason for their being late on the fishing grounds is the necessity to travel a longer distance than the wadiya fishermen to reach the fishing grounds. When they arrive on the fishing grounds, they find no fish since the fish attracted by the bait thrown by the wadiya fishermen had either been caught or had taken the bait and escaped, never to return.

3. Since all matters in dispute may not have been specified in the representations already made, we have been requested to inquire into any matters incidental or related to the dispute as outlined above, and to make our report on all such matters.

4. We invite all persons concerned or interested in this dispute, who desire so to do, to make written representations relating to this dispute to the Director of Fisheries, to reach his office at Galle Face, Colombo, on or before February 17, 1955.

5. We shall commence a public inquiry into the subject matter of the dispute at the U. C. Office, Chilaw, on Saturday, February 19, 1955, at 9 a.m. At the inquiry we shall receive all evidence, whether oral or documentary which parties to the dispute may wish to place before us.

Colombo, February 10, 1955.

A. E. CHRISTOFFELSZ (Chairman),
C. H. Z. FERNANDO,
PHILIP RODRIGO,
Committee of Inquiry, Chilaw Fishing Dispute.