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Kindly refer to my DO letter of even numbered dated the 26th March, 2020 seeking information on the likely number of fishers, fish farmers, fish workers and fish vendors effected due to the lockdown as a part of the ongoing efforts to control and contain COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Fisheries has received responses from several states/UTs and is in the process of compiling the same. Simultaneously, the Department has also received representations from various states/UTs as well as various other organizations associated with fisheries sector for providing assistance especially financial assistance in the form of a special relief assistance/monetary allowance to support fishers, fish farmers, fish workers and fish vendors in view of the lockdown.

2. In this regard, in order to enable the Department of Fisheries to propose any direct financial assistance one of the pre-requisites would be the availability of aadhar linked bank accounts of the beneficiaries for direct transfer of benefit through DBT. Accordingly, you are requested to ascertain and confirm that all the affected fishers, fish farmers, fish workers and fish vendors of your State/UT have requisite bank accounts with aadhar linkage.

3. This may be treated as urgent.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

(Dr. J. Balaji)

To
Special Chief Secretaries (Fisheries)/Principal Secretaries (Fisheries)/Secretaries (Fisheries) of all States/UTs