Advisory

It has come to notice of the Ministry that despite advisories on 29.05.2017, 06.04.2018 and 18.04.2019 regarding NOT to take up work on fishing vessels/trawlers which may be moving from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates towards Iran, Indian fishermen are intending to work on these fishing vessels/trawlers fishing illegally in Iranian waters while it may lead to their possible detention, arrest or even endanger their lives. They may also face possible legal action leading to fines by the Iranian authorities or serving jail term in Iran.

2. Indian Embassy, Tehran and Ministry of External Affairs have been continuously facing the problems of apprehension of Indian seafarers/emigrants by Iranian authorities on the charge of diesel smuggling and illegal trespassing into Iran waters which is very embarrassing for Indian Government and emigrants.

3. All registered Recruiting Agents are again advised NOT to process cases of employment/engagement of Indian emigrants/workers on fishing vessels/trawlers moving towards Iran from Gulf countries and make aware to the emigrants about the possible consequences of taking up employment in fishing vessels/trawlers. Appropriate and strict action will be taken those found indulging in activity contrary to this Advisory.

4. All protector of Emigrants are advised to be extra cautious in granting emigration clearance and to ensure that no emigration clearance for work on fishing vessels/trawlers from Gulf countries moving/fishing towards Iranian waters is granted. PoEs are also advised to inform the emigrants about danger involved in taking up employment in such vessels.

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