

**A & N ISLANDS  
SHELL FISHING RULES 1978**

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR GAZETTE  
EXTRAORDINARY**

No. 20, Port Blair Thursday, March 8, 1979/Phalguna 17, 1900

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S SECRETARIAT**

**NOTIFICATION**

Port Blair the 8th March, 1979/Phalguna 17, 1900  
No. 32/79, F.No. 5-1 (13) / 73-Dev. II (MHF) In exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation I of 1938) the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, makes the following Rules namely The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shell Fishing Rules, 1978.

**CHAPTER - I**

**1) Short Title and commencement.**

- i) These rules may be called the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell Fishing Rules, 1978.
- ii) They shall come into force at once.

**2) Definition-** In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.....

- a) the expression "Andaman and Nicobar Waters" means the sea surrounding the Andaman and Nicobar Islands extending at every point to a distance of three (12) miles or one marine league from the coast of the said Islands, measured from the coast of the said Islands, measured from the low water-mark;
- b) "authorised Officer" in relation to a zone means Director of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, or an Officer of the Department of Fisheries of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, of and above the rank of Fisheries Inspector. And or any officer of the other Department of the Administration, of and above the rank of Tahsildar, appointed by the Chief Commissioner;
- c) "authorised port" in relation to a zone means the Port or place specified there against in column 4 of Schedule I ;

- d) "Boat" includes a sampan, dinghi or other watercraft propelled wholly or in part by means of, or by the agency of oars, paddles, sails or mechanical devices but does not include a power-driven boat;
- e) "certificate" of registration in relation to
  - i) a boat or a power-driven boat means the certificate granted under sub-rule (3) of rule 25 and
  - ii) a diver means the certificate granted under sub-rule (iii) of rule 29 and includes a certificate renewed under sub-rule (ii) of rule 30.
- f) "Chief Commissioner" means the Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- g) "Closed season" means the period specified in sub-rule (i) of rule 3;
- h) "Closed years" means as specified in rule 4;
- i) "Licencing Officer" means Director of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- j) "Director of Fisheries" means Director of Fisheries Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- k) "Marine Engineer and Harbour Master" means the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master, Port Blair.
- l) "Power driven boat" means a boat
  - i) not less than twenty five feet in length, and
  - ii) propelled wholly or in part by means of a mechanical force of not less than twenty horse power.
- m) "registered boat" means a boat or a power driven boat registered for the time being under rule 25
- n) "registered diver" means a person registered as a diver under rule 29 and holding a valid certificate of registration for the time being.
- o) "Regulation" means the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation I of 1938)
- p) "Season" means the shell fishing season commencing from the first day of October in a year and ending on the thirtieth day of April next following year of such commencement;
- q) "Shell" or "Shell Fish" means all the animal of the Mollusean group including Giant clams (*Tridacha maxima*); Nautilus (*Nautilus Pompilus*), Chanks (*Xancus Pyrum*), Cowries of all varieties, King Shells and Queen Shells in addition to Trochus (*Trochus niloticus*) and Turbo (*Turbo marmoratus*) Shells.
- r) "Zone" means either of the shell fishing zone demarcated under rule 5.

## CHAPTER - II

### 3) Closed Season

- i) The period commencing from the first day of May and expiring on the thirtieth day of September (inclusive of the day of commencement and the day of expiry) during every year shall be the closed season.
- ii) Not with-standing anything to the contrary elsewhere contained, shell-fishing shall be completely prohibited throughout the Andaman and Nicobar Waters during the closed season.
- iii) All boats and power-driven boats used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing in the Andaman and Nicobar waters, shall return to Port Blair or the authorised Port before the commencement of the closed season in a year.
- iv) No person shall fish shells or attempt to fish shells or take any boat or power driven boat to a Zone for shell fishing during the closed season.

### 4) Closed Years

- i) To avoid depletion and gives maximum time for the growth and propagation of the shell fauna in a particular shell fishing zone where such shell fishing has been completed under a valid licence for 2 consecutive seasons, will be completely closed for auction and grant of a shell fishing licence, under any circumstances for a period of 24 months starting from the last day of the expiry of such licence granted for shell fishing in a particular shell fishing zone. Such 24 months period will be called closed years.
- ii) Such shell fishing zones declared to have come under "closed years" will be declared by the licencing officer in local papers and through all All India Radio, Port Blair as and when such situation arises.
- iii) Not with-standing anything to the contrary elsewhere contained, shell fishing shall be completely prohibited in such fishing zone as have come under a "closed year".
- iv) No person shall fish shells or attempt to fish shells or take any boat or power driven boat to a zone for shell fishing during the "closed years".

### 5) Demarcation of shell fishing zones :

- i) For the purpose of these rules, there shall be shell fishing Zones in Andaman and Nicobar waters.
- ii) A zone shall comprise of such part of the Andaman and Nicobar waters as is enclosed within the boundries specified in respect thereof in schedule-I.

6) Right to fish shells in Zones :

- i) There shall be a licensee for every zone, who shall, subject to the provisions of these rules, have the sole right to fish shells in the zone.
- ii) No person unless exempted from taking out a licence under any of the provisions of the Regulation, shall have any right, claim or title to fish shells in a zone.

7) Shell-fishing to be on authority of licence only :

- i) In every zone, shells shall be fished only on the authority, and in accordance with the terms and conditions, of a licence, and no person shall be deemed to be a licensee unless he holds a licence in force for the time being.
- ii) No licensee shall fish shells from any place outside the zone for which he holds a licence.

8) Certain conditions of shell fishing

- i) For the purpose of shell fishing in a zone, the licensee shall be permitted -
  - a) to obtain one power driven boat and not more than four boats registered under rule 25 ; and
  - b) to employ or engage not more than twenty registered divers.
- 2) In no shell fishing operation, the licensee shall
  - a) employ or engage any person other than a registered diver or
  - b) use, employ or engage any boat or power-driven boat other than a registered boat.

Explanation : A person employed or engaged on driving or rowing a registered boat or as a crew will not be deemed to be a person employed or engaged in shell fishing unless such person engage or employ himself in any operation actually and directly connected with shell fishing.

9.) Prohibition on transferring shells on other vessels

Except under stress of weather or for any other reasonable cause, no licensee shall place or permit to be placed any shells fished by him or under his authority, on any vessel other than the boat or power driven boat registered by him under these rules,

Provided that provisions of this rule shall not apply where any shells are placed on a vessel for the purpose of being carried from an authorised port to a place outside the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

10). Extent of shell-fishing in one season :

In no zone the total quantity of shells fished during a season shall exceed 15 (fifteen) tons in weight.

11) Collection or fishing other than shell in a shell fishing zone prohibited:

No person including a licensee and all persons employed or engaged in shell fishing in a particular shell fishing zone for which licence has been granted, shall under any circumstances, engage themselves in any other collection or fishing of living and non-living resources of the area, including fishing, sports fishing, removal and collection of corals, sea trees/sea fans, seaweeds, and sea slug (Beche-de-mer) etc. except for their own bonafide consumption, destroy or damage such area and fauna except fishing for shells for which licence is granted and valid for the period.

12) Inspection and measurement of collected shells :

i) At the end of every trip of sea for shell-fishing every boat and power-driven boat used, employed or engaged by the licensee shall return to the authorised port and the person incharge thereof shall apply to the authorised officer to have the collected shells inspected and measured.

ii) On receipt of such application, the authorised officer shall inspect and measure the collected shells and in case he so requires, the licensee shall remove the collected shells from the boat or the power-driven boat, as the case may be, and stock them on the shore for the purpose of inspection and measurement.

13) Restrictions of fishing undersized shells :

i) For the purpose of these rules, any shell which

a) Can pass through a circular gauge of less than 9 centimetres in diameter, in the case of trochus (*Trochus niloticus* linn), or

b) is less than 2½ inches or 6.35 centimetres in diameter at the operculum, in the case of turbo (*Turbo marmoratus* linn), shall be deemed to be an undersized shell.

ii) No licensee shall, as far as possible, fish any undersized shell, and if any such shell is caught during a shell fishing operation and is detected it shall be the duty of the licensee or the person incharge of the operation to return it back to the sea in alive condition, as early as possible but in any case not later than the evening of the day on which it was caught.

iii) The licence, granted to a licensee shall be liable to cancellation, if any, of his catches contains undersized shells in a larger proportion than ten percent of the total number of shells in the catch.

iv) Any catch containing undersized shells to the extent of more than five percent but less than ten percent of the total number of shells in the catch shall be liable to be confiscated by the Government.

14) Development of Islands shell industry—conditions of licence.

Each licensee will be required to sell not less than 25% of the total shells fished in a particular shell fishing zone in one season to the Director of Industries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair and not less than 25% to the Andaman and Nicobar Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation at the market rate as fixed by the Administration from time to time for particular species and quantity of shell or shells, in Port Blair market.

(15) Marketing and Shipment :

1) Marketing :

- a) No person except Registered Co-operative Marketing Society, shall undertake wholesale marketing of shells in Andaman and Nicobar Islands other than as provided under rule 14.
- b) No person in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, shall carry retail business in sea shell of any kind without a valid "Sea shell dealers licence".

NOTE: Auctioneers also are required to take a "Sea shell dealers licence", in case they choose to do business in A & N Islands, in respect of shells otherwise than as provided in Rule 14.

- c) And person who intends to undertake retail marketing of shells of any kind in specific area and town of A & N Islands shall apply to the Licencing Officer on a prescribed form appended as Form I to Schedule II.
- d) If the Licencing Officer decides to issue a "Sea-shell dealers licence" it will be granted in Form 'M' for one year from the date of issue. The fee payable for grant of licence shall be Rs. 25/- p.a.
- e) Such sea-shell dealers/licencees will purchase their requirements of raw materials of shells from the whole sale dealing registered Cooperative marketing Society of the area in A & N Islands or from Directorate of Industries. And such sea-shell dealers licensee shall keep a proper record of shells raw-materials received, in a register, to produce before inspecting officer as and when required to do so.
- f) No person shall possess more than 10 shells in raw or in polished condition at any place unless valid and authentic proof for such possession or a written permission from the Director of Fisheries to the effect is there.

2) Shipment :

- a) No shells, raw or polished, collected or purchased in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall be shipped by sea or air to any place out side the Andaman and Nicobar Islands unless a written permission to the effect is obtained from the Director of Fisheries after declaring the exact quantity and value of such shell articles. Provided that no such, permission shall be necessary for carrying shells, for personal use, by a tourist or other person, when the number of shells so carried is less than ten.
- b) The Shipping Corporation of India, Harbour Master, Indian Airlines Corporation and Deptt. of customs and Central Excise, Govt. of India, Port Blair, shall not permit transportation of any such consignment of shells from any sea or air port in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands unless permission to this effect duly signed by the Director of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands on an authority by him produced by the person so transporting as provided in clause (a).

### CHAPTER -- III

16) i) The right to fish shells by licence shall be settled by public auction by the Licencing Officer subject to confirmation by the Chief Commissioner

ii) The bid at each auction shall be knocked down in favour of the highest bidder at such auction provided that the licencing officer may reject the bid of the highest bidder for any good and sufficient reason.

17) The auction shall be held in accordance with the following provisions.

i) A notice of auction shall be published by the Licencing officer in such manner as he deems fit and such notice shall include particulars of the zone to be auctioned, the period for which the right to fish shells extend, the date, time and place of the auction.

ii) At the commencement of the auction such bidder shall deposit by way of security a sum of Rs. 1000/- which in the case of an unsuccessful bidder, shall be returned to him at the conclusion of the auction and in the case of successful bidder shall be taken over as earnest money deposit for the due observance of the terms of the licence and the provisions of these rules.

iii) The earnest money deposit shall, subject to the provisions of these rules be returned to the licensee after the expiry of the licence.

iv) The bid amount shall be paid by the highest bidder in four equal instalments to be equally spread through-out the period of the licence. The first of such instalment shall be paid by the succesful bidder immediately after the bid is knocked down in his favour or within such time thereafter not exceeding 7 days as may be specified by the Licencing Officer in this behalf. The rest of the instalments, shall be paid regularly on the dates specified in this behalf in the agreement prescribed in clause (v).

v) The successful bidder shall execute an agreement in form 'A' Prescribed in schedule 11 before the licence is granted him

18. Form of Licence etc.

i) The licence shall be in Form 'B' prescribed in Schedule II.

ii) A licence granted under these rules will be valid for two consecutive seasons.

iii) A licence granted under the rules shall not be transferable,

iv) A register of licences granted under this rule shall be maintained by the Licencing Officer in Form 'C' prescribed in Schedule II.

19. Penalty for breach.

i) In the event of a breach of any of the terms or conditions of licence or of the agreement or of any of the provisions of these rules, the security money deposit shall be liable to be forefêited to Government and the licence shall be liable to cancellation after due notice.

- ii) Any person aggrieved by an order passed under sub-rule (i) may, within 10 days from the date of the order, appeal to the Chief Commissioner whose Orders thereon shall be final.

#### 20. Recovery of sum

2) All sums due under the provisions of these rules shall be liable to be recovered as if they were arrears of land revenue.

#### 21. Security for strict observance of terms and conditions of licences

- i) No licence shall be granted unless Rs. 1000/- has been deposited as security deposit with the licencing officer for strict observance of the terms and conditions of the licence.
- ii) The amount so deposited shall be refundable after expiry of licence as per provision in rule No. 17 (iii).

#### 22. Consequences of breach of terms and conditions of licence

- i) In the event of breach of any of the terms and conditions of a licence or of any of the provisions of these rules, the whole or any part of the amount of security deposited under rule 17 shall be liable to be forfeited to Govt. and the licence shall liable to cancellation.
- ii) Where there is a breach of any terms and conditions of a licence or of any of the provisions of these rules, the Licencing Officer, may after requiring the licensee to show cause why action should not be taken under sub-rule (1), pass such orders as may be deemed fit in the circumstances of the case.
- iii) Any person aggrieved by an order passed under sub-rule (2), may within 10 days of the date such order make a representation to the Chief Commissioner and the order passed by the Chief Commissioner on such representation shall be final.

### CHAPTER-IV

#### 23. Boats, etc used in shell fishing to be registered

All boats and power-driven boats used, employed or engaged in shell fishing shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, and no boat or power-driven boat which is not so registered, shall be so used, employed or engaged.

#### 24. Persons employed or engaged in shell fishing to be registered

All persons employed or engaged in shell fishing shall be registered as divers in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and no person who is not so registered, shall be so employed or engaged, or shall employ or engaged himself as such.

25. Registration of Boats, etc.

i) Where any boat or power-driven boat is to be used employed or engaged in shell-fishing, the owner of the boat or the power-driven boat, as the case may be, shall make an application to the licensing officer in Form 'D' prescribed in Schedule II.

ii) Every such application shall be accompanied by a certificate of sea-worthiness and suitability granted by the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master on inspection of the boat or the power-driven boat, as the case may be, and for every such inspection the inspection fee prescribed in Schedule III shall be payable by the owner.

Provided that in the case of an application in respect of a dinghy, no such certificate shall be required.

iii) Where an application is in order, the Licencing Officer may, on payment of the registration fee by the owner prescribed in Schedule III register the boat or the power-driven boat, as the case may be, in the book maintained under sub-rule (4) and grant a certificate of registration bearing a serial number of the series of such certificates

iv) The Licencing Officer shall maintain a book in Form 'F' prescribed in Schedule II, in which the requisite particulars of boats and power-driven boats registered under sub-rule (3) shall be entered, a copy of all particulars so entered during each month shall be sent by him to the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master for record.

v) In this rule and rule, 26 all references to "Owner" shall include references to the person who is for the time being authorised to use, employ or engage the boat or the power-driven boat, as the case may be.

26. Form and validity of certificates of registration granted under Rule 25.

The certificate of registration to be granted under sub-rule (3) of rule 25, shall be in Form "E" prescribed in Schedule II and shall, subject to the provisions of these rules, be valid and remain in force for the season for or during which it has been granted.

27. Registration number of registered boats

i) The number indicated on the certificate of registration, shall be the registered number of a registered boat.

ii) The registered number shall be distinctly painted on each side of the bow of every registered boat in such sizes as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master.

28. Conditions precedent to grant of certificate of registration in relation to registered boats

i) Every certificate of registration in relation to a registered boat, shall be deemed to have been granted, subject to observance of the following conditions by the person in charge of such boat, namely:-

- (a) Except under stress of whether or for other sufficient reasons, he shall not move the registered boat from the locality or localities specified in the certificate of registration.
- (b) The certificate of registration shall be kept with the registered boat when shell fishing is carried out and shall be produced for the inspection of the Authorised Officer, on demand.
- (c) He shall keep the registration number painted on each side of the bow of the registered boat clearly visible.
- (d) If he sights or encounters any other boat or power-driven boat which he has reason to believe is illegally engaged in shell fishing he shall report the matter immediately to the Licencing Officer or to the Superintendent of Police on his return to Port Blair, or to the nearest Magistrate or the Officer-in-charge of a Police Station on his return to any other authorised Port,
- (e) He shall permit the registered boat to be searched at any time by an authorised officer of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration and shall on demand by such officer produce the certificate of registration.
- (f) He shall not permit the registered boat to be used, employed or engaged in shell fishing by any person other than a licensee or a registered diver.
- (g) If so ordered by the Licencing Officer, he shall fly a distinguished flag, obtainable from the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master.
- (h) He shall at all times conform to all signals proceeding from vessels flying to the Govt. ensign.
- ii) Non-observance of any of the provisions of sub-rule (1), shall render a certificate of registration liable to cancellation

#### 29. Registration of divers for shell-fishing

- (i) Any person intending to be registered as a diver for the purpose of shell-fishing in the Andaman and Nicobar waters, may make an application to the Licencing Officer in Form 'G' prescribed in Schedule II complete in all respects provided that no person who is less than 18 years of age shall be eligible for being registered as diver.
- ii) On such application, the Licencing Officer may, after such enquiry as he may deem fit, register the applicant as diver.
- iii) The particulars of the diver registered under sub-rule (2) shall be entered in the register maintained under sub-rule (5), and a certificate of registration shall, on payment of the registration fee by him as prescribed in Schedule III, be granted by the Licencing Officer.
- iv) Every certificate of registration granted under sub-rule (3), shall bear a serial number of the series of such certificates.

- v) The Licencing Officer shall maintain a register in Form 'I' prescribed in Schedule II, in which the requisite particulars of registered divers shall be entered.

30. Form validity and renewal of certificates of registration granted under Rule 29

- i) The certificate of registration to be granted under sub-rule (3) of rule 29, shall be in Form 'H' prescribed in Schedule II and shall, subject to the provision of these rules, be valid and remain in force for the season for or during which it has been granted.

Provided that every such certificate shall expire on the commencement of the closed season immediately following such season.

- ii) A certificate expiring under sub-rule (1) may, on application in Form 'J' prescribed in Schedule II and on payment of the registration fee prescribed in Schedule III by the diver, be renewed by the Licencing Officer, from season to season.

31. Condition applicable to shell fishing by registered divers

- i) No registered diver shall fish shells in any part of the Andaman and Nicobar waters, unless he is appointed, engaged or employed by a licensee for that purpose.
- ii) No registered diver shall fish shells for, on behalf of or to the benefit, of any person other than the licensee by or under whom, he is employed or engaged for the time being.
- iii) No registered diver shall fish shells from any boat or power-driven boat other than a registered boat or shall make himself present in any boat other than the registered boat used, employed or engaged for shell-fishing by the licensee, by or under whom he is employed or engaged for the time being.
- iv) No registered diver shall be permitted to change his employing licensee unless, on application in Form 'K' prescribed in Schedule II by such diver, such change is endorsed by the Licencing Officer on the certificate of registration of such diver.
- v) Every registered diver shall, while fishing shells carry with him his certificate of registration, which shall be produced for inspection to a authorised officer on demand.
- vi) Any breach of this rule on the part of a registered diver, shall render his certificate of registration liable to cancellation.

32. Certificate of registration of diver to be deemed licence for certain purposes:

A certificate of registration granted under rule 29 or renewed under sub-rule (2) of rule 30, shall, for the purposes of section 3 of the Regulation, be deemed to be a licence to fish shells subject to the conditions of such certificate and of rule 31.

## CHAPTER—V

### 33. Interposing of authorised officer

- i) An Authorised Officer interposing under section 6 of the Regulation for the purpose of preventing the commission of an offence, shall forthwith make a report in writing to the Licensing Officer explaining the circumstances in which he interposed.
- ii) Such officer shall, at the same time, send to the Licencing Officer a list of properties, if any, seized by him in order to prevent the commission of the offence, and shall unless the property seized is perishable or not easily transportable, send the property to the Licencing Officer.

### 34. Disposal of certain Propertis

- i) Any perishable or not easily transportable property seized or forfeited either as a result of conviction under section 5 of the Regulation, or by a Authorised Officer under section 6 or section 8 of the Regulation, shall be disposed of by order of the convicting Magistrate or of the Authorised Officer making the seizure, as the case may be, to the best advantage of government.
- ii) All other properties except any sum of money forfeited to govt, under the provisions of these rules shall be disposed of by order the Licensing Officer to the best advantage of government.
- iii) All sums of money realised by disposal under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) shall be paid to the Licensing officer and creditable to government.

### 35 Repeal and savings

- i) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands shell fishing rules 1955 is hereby repealed.
- ii) The repeal of the said rules shall not affect (a) the previous operation of the said rules, or any thing duly done or suffeted there-under, or (b) any right privile, obligation or liability acquired, accured or incurred under the said regulation or (c) any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against the said rules.

**SCHEDULE-I**  
(See Rule 5 (2) )

Zone No.	Area	Boundaries	Authorised Port	Authorised Officer
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Cape Price to Mayabunder	Between latitude 12°-66.5' north and 13-34.5' north from Cape Price to Brown Point along the east coast of North Andaman Islands including Land Fall Islands, East Island, South Island and other Islands and Islets along the said east coast between the said latitudes.	Mayabunder	Director of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2.	Cape Price to Austen Strait	Between latitudes 12°-54' north and 13°-34.5' north from Cape Price to South Passage of Austen Strait along the West coast of North Andaman Island including Interview Island and other Islands and Islets along the said west coast between the said latitude.	Mayabunder	Director of Fisheries
3.	Maybunder to Long Island	Between latitudes 12°-24' north and 12°-55' north from Aves Point to South Point along the east coast of Middle Andaman Island including Long Islands and other Islands and Islets along the said east coast between the said latitudes.	Long Island	Director of Fisheries
4.	Long Island to Shoal Bay	Between latitudes 12°-0-5' north and 12°-18' north from easter entrance of Homfray's Strait to Cape persain along the east coast of South Andaman Island including Colebrooke Islands, Passage Island, Strait Island & other Islands & Islets along the said east coast between the said latitudes.	Long Island	Director of Fisheries
5.	Shoal Bay to Chiriatapu	Between latitudes 11°-29' north and 10°-56.4' north from Cape Masy to Chiriatapu along the east coast of South Andaman Island including Islands & Islets along the said east coast between the said latitudes.	Port Blair	Director of Fisheries

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Chiriatapu to Port Mount	Between latitudes 11°-29' north and 11°-38' north from Chiriatapu along Macpherson Strait to Perseus point in South Andaman Island & other Islands to the West of this demarcation including Labyrinth Island, Tarmugli Island, Twins Islands and other Islands and Islets but excluding Rutland Island and North Sentinel Island.	Port Mount	Director of Fisheries
7.	Ritchie's Archipelago.	Islands and Islets situated between latitudes 11°-46.5' North and 12°-19' north & comprising Ritchie's Archipelago including outram Island, Henry Lawrence Island, John Lawrence Island, English Island, Wilson Island, Peel Island, Nicholson Island, Havelock, Neil Island and Hugh Rose Island but excluding North, Middle and South Button Island.	Port Blair	Director of Fisheries
8.	Nicobar Central Group	Islands situated between latitudes 7°-52' north & 8°-35' north including the islands of Tillangchang, Teresa, Bompoka, Kamorta, Nancowrie, Trinkat & Katchal but excluding Chowra Island.	Nancowrie	Director of Fisheries
9.	Nicobar Southern Group	Islands situated between latitudes 6°-45' north & 7°-31' north including the Islands of Little Nicobar, Pulo Milo, Great Nicobar and other Islands and Islets between the said latitudes.	Nancowrie	Director of Fisheries

**SCHEDULE - II**  
**Form - 'A'**  
 (Rule 17 (V) )  
**AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made on .....day of.....one thousand Nine hundred and.....between the President of India (hereinafter called the First Party), which expression shall, unless excluded by or re-pugnant to, the context include his successor and assigns, of the one part, and.....resident of..... (hereinafter called the Second Party which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to, the context, includes his/its successors and permitted assigns) of the other part.

- 10) The security deposit shall be refunded after a lapse of three months from the date of expiry of the licence.
- 11) Without prejudice to any other rights under law, the Licensing Officer shall have the right to forfeit the security deposit, to terminate the licence and to re-sell the right to fish shells in case the second party commits any breach in respect of the terms and conditions of this agreement.
- 12) The decision of the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall be final, binding and conclusive on the parties of this agreement upon all questions and disputes relating to or arising out of this agreement during its pendency or afterwards.
- 13) Provision of Rule 14&15 of Shell fishing Rules, 1978 will be binding on the Licensee and form part of this agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties have set their hands the day and the year first above written.

Licensing Officer,  
For and on behalf of the President of India  
(First Party).

Signed in the presence of :

(1) .....

Shri

(2) .....

(Second Party)

Signed in the presence of :

(1) .....

(2) .....

### Form 'B'

Shell-fishing licence granted under rule 18 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-Fishing Rules, 1971.

Not Transferable :

Licence No.....

This LICENCE is hereby granted under rule 18 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as "the Shell-fishing Rules") to Shri..... son of..... resident of..... authorising him to fish shells in Zone No ..... of the Andaman and Nicobar Waters :

(a) for two consecutive shell-fishing seasons, that is to say-

- (i) the first season commencing from the first day of October 19 and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 19 , and

Whereas the right to fish shells by licence has been settled by public auction under Rule 16 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell Fishing Rules, 1978 in favour of the second party.

Whereas the amount of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) deposited by the second party under Rule 17 (ii) of the said rules has been taken over as security deposit for the due observance of the terms of the licence and the provision of the said rules.

Now it has been agreed between the afore mentioned parties as under :-

1) The second party shall pay the bid amount of Rs .....(Rupees.....  
.....only) in four equal instalments spread throughout the period of licence. The first of such instalment shall be paid by the second party immediately after the bid is knocked down in his favour or within such time thereafter not exceeding 7 days as may be specified by the Licensing Officer in this behalf. The rest of the instalments shall be paid regularly on the dates mentioned below :-

2nd instalment dated.....

3rd instalment dated .....

4th instalment dated.....

2) The second party shall have the sole right to fish shells in the following zone or zones :-

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(here enter the description of Zone or Zones)

3) The second party shall fish shells in the above zone (s) only on the authority and in accordance with terms and conditions of a licence issued to him under the shell fishing rules, 1978.

4) The work of shell fishing, including the places of storage of shells, be open at all times to the inspection of authorised Officer (s) of the Zones (s) specified in schedule I to the said Rules.

5) The right of the second party to fish shell, shall be confined to the Zone (s) mentioned in clause 2 and the second party shall not fish shells from any place outside the above Zones (s).

6) The second party shall make his own arrangement for the collection and transport action of fished shells.

7) The second party shall not be entitled to transfer his rights under this agreement to any other person except with prior permission in writing of the Licensing Officer.

8) The second party shall not employ any person who was previously working in a Government Department, without production of a discharge certificate.

9) The mebrs of the aboriginal tribes shall not be employed by the second party for any purpose whatsoever.

- (ii) the second season commencing from the first day of October 19....., and ending on the thirtieth day of April 19 ....., and
- (b) subject to the provisions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation 1938 (Regulation I of 1938) and the Shell-fishing Rules and also to the conditions set forth in the following statement, namely :-

#### STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

- (1) The licensee shall not fish shells from any place in the Andaman and Nicobar Waters except zone No .....(hereinafter referred to as "the Zone").
  - (2) For the purpose of shell-fishing, the licensee shall be permitted to use, employ or engage not more than one power-driven boat and four other boats duly registered under the Shell-fishing Rules and to employ or engage not more than twenty registered divers.
  - 3) In no shell-fishing operation, the licensee shall use, employ or engage any boat or power-driven boat other than a registered boat, or employ or engage any person other than a registered diver, or employ any implement or method other than the following implements and methods, namely :-
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- 4) The total quantity of shell to be fished from the zone during any one season shall not exceed twenty tons in weight.
  - 5) At the end of every trip to sea for Shell-fishing every boat and power driven boat used, employed or engaged by the licensee, shall return to the authorised port and the person incharge there of shall apply to the authorised officer to have the collected shells inspected and measured.
  - 6) The amount of security, if any, deposited by the licensee shall, subject to the provisions of rules 17 and 22 of the Shell fishing Rules, remain hypothecated to the Government as long as this LICENCE remains in force.
  - 7) The period commencing from the first day of May and expiring on the thirtieth of September (inclusive of the day of commencement and the day of expiry) during every year, shall be the closed-season; and Shell-fishing shall be completely prohibited in the Andaman and Nicobar waters during the closed-season.
  - 8) Every boat or power-driven boat used, employed or engaged by the licensee in Shell-fishing, shall return to Port Blair or the authorised Port before the commencement of the closed-season during every year.
  - 9) The licensee shall fish shells subject to the restrictions on fishing of undersized shells as provided in rule 13 of the Shell-fishing Rules.
  - 10) This LICENCE shall be kept by the licensee with him while fishing shells and shall be produced for inspection on demand, by an authorised Officer.

11) If the licensee be the person in-charge of a registered boat used, employed or engaged in Shell-fishing, he shall strictly comply with the conditions laid down in rule 28 of the Shell-fishing Rules.

12) The licensee shall strictly with the requirements of the Shell-fishing Rules and the conditions of this LICENCE, any breach of which shall, in addition to the penalties under section 5 of the Andaman and Nicobar Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation I of 1938), render this LICENCE liable to cancellation and the amount of security, as foresaid, forfeited to Government.

13) Provision of Rule 11,14 and 15 of Shell Fishing Rules, 1978 will also form the part of conditions of this licence.

Licensing Officer

Dated at Port Blair

the day of.....19

REGISTER OF SHELL FISHING LICENCES GRANTED UNDER RULE 18 OF THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS SHELL FISHING RULES - 1978

Form 'C'  
[ See Rule 18 (4) ]

1	Number of licence.
2	Licensee's name, father's name, nationality and address.
3	Number of shell-fishing zone for which licence has been granted
4	Registered Nos. and description of boats and power-driven boats used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing.
5	Description of shell-fishing implements and methods to be used or employed.
6	Date of grant of licence.
7	Seasons for which licence has been granted
8	Amount of security deposit, if any.
9	Date of refund of security, if any.
10	Date on which licence ceased to be valid.
11	Whether licence ceased to be valid on account of normal expiry or cancellation or otherwise.
12	REMARKS.

Form 'D'

Application under rule 25 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 for registration of boat or a power-driven boat for being used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing,

To

The Licencing Officer,  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Port Blair.

I,.....(name of the applicant), hereby apply that the boat/ power driven boat fully described below may be registered under rule 25 of the A & N Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 for the shell-fishing season commencing, from the 1st October .....(year) and ending on the 30th April ..... (year) and that a certificate of registration in respect thereof may be granted to me.

The required particulars are as follows :-

- (a) Applicant (s) name .....
- (b) Applicant's father's name.....
- (c) Applicant's nationality.....
- (d) Applicant's address.....
- (e) Full description of the boat/power-driven boat including its size, make; year of make, capacity, fittings etc.....
- (f) If the boat/power-driven boat is propelled by any mechanical device, full description of such device including the strength of the mechanical force.....
- (g) Full description of shell-fishing apparatus, if any, with which the boat/power/ driven boat is equipped.
- (h) Name of the owner of the boat/power-driven boat.....
- (i) Description of applicant's interest in the boat/power-driven boat, if he is not the owner .....
- (j) Locality or localities of the A & N waters, in which the boat/power-driven boat is to be used, employed or engaged for shell-fishing.....
- (k) Purposes other than shell-fishing, if any, for which the boat/power-driven boat shall be used, employed or engaged.....

- (l) Has the boat/power-driven boat been previously registered Under Rule 25 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands shell-fishing Rules, 1978 or under A & N Islands Shell fishing Rules, 1955 and if so ..... the number of the last certificate of registration granted under that rule and the date of its expiry.....
- (m) Has the boat/power-driven boat been registered or licensed under any law other than the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978, and if, so, details of such registration or licensing.....
- (n) Has the boat/power-drivenboat been previously refused registration under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-Fishing Rules, 1978 or under A & N Islands Shell-Fishing Rules, 1955 or under any other law, and if so, the date of such refusal and the reasons therefor.....

2. A certificate of sea-worthiness and suitability in respect of the boat/power-driven boat granted by the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master, Port Blair is attached herewith. If the boat/power-driven boat is registered and a certificate of registration granted as applied for, I agree to abide by the provisions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation I of 1938) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978.

Dated the

Signature of applicant.

### Form 'E'

(Rule 25 (3) )

Certificate of registration of a boat/power-driven boat authorised for being used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing in the Andaman and Nicobar water.

CERTIFICATE No.....

The boat/power-driven boat hereinafter fully described having been registered under rule 25 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as "the Shell-fishing Rules"), this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION in respect thereof, is granted to Shri .....son of..... resident of.....being the owner of.....the said boat of person lawfully possessing .....driven boat (hereinafter referred to as "the registered boat"), authorising the registered boat for being used, employed or engaged in Shell-Fishing in the Andaman and Nicobar waters, subject to the provisions of the A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (REGULATION 1 of 1938) and the Shell-fishing Rules and also to the conditions set forth in the statement of conditions hereinafter appearing.

- (a) Description of the registered boat including its size, make, capacity, fittings etc.....
- (b) Description of the mechanical device, if any, by means, or by the agency, of which the registered boat is propelled.....
- (c) Description of the Shell-fishing apparatus, if any, which the registered boat is equipped.....

2. THIS CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION shall, subject to compliance with, and observance of, the provisions and conditions, respectively as aforesaid, shall be valid and shall remain in force for the shell-fishing season commencing from the first day of October.....and ending on the thirtieth day of April 19.....

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

1. The registered boat shall be used, employed or engaged for shell-fishing and for no other purpose except the following, namely :-

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 .....  
 .....

2. The names of the persons employed or engaged as the crew of the registered boat including the persons employed or engaged on driving or rowing it, shall be intimated to the Licencing Officer from time to time, and, in no case, the total number of the persons so employed or engaged, shall exceed three..

3. The person in-charge of the registered boat shall be used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing from any place in the Andaman and Nicobar waters except zone No..... (hereinafter referred to as "the zone") nor shall he himself so, use employ or engage the registered boat.

4. At the end of every trip to sea for shell-fishing, the registered boat shall return to the authorised port and the person in-charge thereof shall apply to the authorised officer to have the collected shells inspected and weighed.

5. The period commencing from the first day of May and expiring on the thirtieth day of September (inclusive of the day of commencement and the day of expiry) during every year, shall be the closed-season; and the registered boat shall not be permitted or authorised to be used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing during the closed-season.

6. The registered boat shall return to Port Blair or the authorised port before the commencement of the closed season.

7. The number of this CRTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION indicated above, shall be the registered number of the registered boat and this number shall be distinctly painted on each side of the bow of the registered boat in such sizes as may from time to time be prescribed by the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master, Port Blair.

8. The person in-charge of the registered boat shall observe the following conditions, namely :-

- (i) Except under stress weather or for other sufficient reasons, he shall not move the registered boat from the zone.
- (ii) This CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION shall be kept with the registered boat when Shell-fishing is carried out and shall be produced for the inspection of the authorised Officer, on demand.
- (iii) He shall keep the registration number painted on each side of the bow of the registered boat clearly visible.
- (iv) If he sights or encounters any other boat or power-driven boat which he has reason to believe is illegally engaged in shell-fishing, he shall report the matter immediately to the Licencing Officer or to the Superintendent of Police on his return to Port Blair, or to the nearest Magistrate or the Officer-in-charge of the Police Station on his return to any other authorised port.
- (v) He shall permit the registered boat to be searched at any time by any authorised officer of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration and shall on demand by such officer; produce this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.
- (vi) He shall not permit the registered boat to be used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing by any person other than a licensee or a registered diver,
- (vii) If so ordered by the Licencing Officer, he shall fly a distinguishing flag obtainable from the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master, Port Blair.
- (viii) He shall at all times confirm to all signals proceeding from vessels flying the Government ensign.

9. It shall be the responsibility of the holder of this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION to ensure that all the conditions herein provided are observed by the person-in-charge of the registered boat.

10. The requirements of the shell-fishing Rules and of the conditions of this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION shall be strictly complied with and any breach thereof shall, in the addition to penalties under section 5 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation 1938 (Regulation 1 of 1938), render this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION liable to cancellation.

Port Blair  
Dt.

Licencing Officer,  
A & N Islands

**Form 'F'**  
(See Rule 25 (4) )  
**BOOK OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION GRANTED UNDER RULE 25 OF THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS SHELL-FISHING RULES, - 1978**

1	Number of Certificate.
2	Certificate holder's name, father's name, nationality & address.
3	Description of the registered boat including her size, make, capacity, fittings etc.
4	Description of the mechanical device, if any, by means or by agency, of which the registered boat is propelled.
5	Description of the Shell-fishing apparatus, if any, with which the registered boat is equipped.
6	Name and address of the owner of the registered boat, if the certificate holder be not her owner.
7	No. of the zone in which the registered boat is to be used, employed or engaged for Shell-fishing.
8	Purpose other than shell-fishing if any, for which the registered boat may be used, employed or engaged.
9	Date of Grant of certificate.
10	Season for which certificate has been granted.
11	Challan No. and date of payment of prescribed fee for grant of certificate.
12	Date on which certificate ceased to be valid.
13	Whether certificate ceased to be valid on account of normal expiry or cancellation or otherwise.
14	REMARKS

\*Each certificate shall be given a separate number serially.

Form 'G'

Application under rule 29 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 for registration of a person as a diver for shell-fishing.

To

The Licencing Officer,  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Port Blair

I ..... (name of the applicant) hereby apply under rule 29 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 for registration as a diver for shell-fishing and grant of a certificate of registration for the shell-fishing Season commencing from 1st October 19 ..... and ending on the 30th April, 19..... The required particulars are as follows :-

- (a) Applicant's name .....
- (b) Applicant's father's name .....
- (c) Applicant's nationality .....
- (d) Height .....
- (e) Colour of hair .....
- (f) Colour of eyes .....
- (g) Distinguishing marks .....
- (h) Applicant's address .....
- (i) Name, address and licence No. of the licensee by or under whom the applicant is proposed to be employed or engaged for shell-fishing.....
- (j) Description of shell-fishing implements and methods to be employed for shell-fishing.....
- (k) No. of registration certificate previously held, if any.....
- (l) Details of any other kind of fishing licence held by the applicant, if any .....
- (m) Has the applicant been ever convicted of an offence under the A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation 1 of 1938) and, if so, state the details of the offence and the punishment awarded.....

2. If a certificate of registration as a diver for shell-fishing is granted to me, I agree to abide by the provisions of the A & N Islands Shell fishing Rules, 1978 and the A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938 (Regulation 1 of 1938). Two unmounted copies of my photograph in the size of 2" x 2" approximately, are attached herewith.

Dated the .....

Signature of applicant.

CERTIFICATE

Certified that the applicant is proposed to be employed by me for shell-fishing in Zone No ..... of the Andaman & Nicobar Waters :

Dated the :

Signature of licensee  
Licence No.

Form 'H'

(Rule 29 (2))

Certificate of registration as a diver for shell-fishing in the Andaman and Nicobar waters.

CERTIFICATE No.....

This CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION as a diver authorised to fish shells in the Andaman and Nicobar waters for, on behalf of, or under the authority of the licensee hereinafter fully described, is hereby granted under rule 29 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Shell-fishing Rules') to Shri .....(hereinafter referred to as 'the registered diver') identifiable by.....

(i) the photograph below :-

PHOTOGRAPH

of the diver to be pasted here and authenticated by the Licensing Officer.

AND

(ii) the following particulars, namely :-

- (a) Father's name.....
- (b) Nationality.....
- (c) Height..... ft..... inches,
- (d) Colour of hair.....
- (e) Colour of eyes.....
- (f) Distinguishing Marks.....
- (g) Address.....

2. The licensee employing the registered diver of shell-fishing the registered diver of shell-fishing and for whom, or on whose behalf, or under whose stickout authority, the registered diver is authorised to fish shells, shall be

Shri.....holding shell-fishing Licence No..... in respect of Shell-fishing zone No....., or such other licensee to whose employment the registered diver may change over, such change having been endorsed on this CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATIONS in accordance with provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 31 of the shell-fishing Rules 1978.

3. Subject to the provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for Fisheries Regulation, 1938, (Regulation I of 1938) and the shell-fishing Rules and also to the conditions set forth in the following statement, force for the shell-fishing season commencing from the first day of October 19.....and ending on the thirtieth day of April 19.....namely :-

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

(1) The registered diver shall, while fishing shells, have in his possession this CERTIFICATE, which shall be produced for inspection to the authorised Officer, on demand.

(2) The registered diver shall not fish shells in any part of the Andaman and Nicobar waters unless he is appointed, engaged or employed by a licensee for that purpose.

(3) The registered diver shall not fish shells for, on behalf of, or to the benefit of, any person other than the licensee by or under whom he is employed or engaged for the time being.

(4) The registered diver shall not fish shells from any boat or power driven boat other than a registered boat nor shall he employ any shell-fishing implements or methods other than the following implements and methods, namely :-

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(5) The registered diver shall not make himself present in any registered boat except those which are used, employed or engaged for shell-fishing by the licensee by or under whom he is employed or engaged for the time being.

(6) The registered diver shall not be permitted to change his employing licensee unless such change is endorsed in this certificate by the Director of Fisheries of the A & N Islands in accordance with sub-rule (4) of rule 31 of the shell-fishing Rules, 1978.

(7) If the registered diver is the person in-charge of a registered boat used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing, he shall strictly comply with the conditions laid down in Rule 28 of the Shell Fishing Rules, 1978.

(8) The registered diver shall strictly comply with the requirements of the Shell fishing Rules, 1978 and the conditions of this certificate, any breach of which, in addition to the penalties under the A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1928 (Regulation I of 1938), render this certificate liable to cancellation.

Dated at Port Blair,  
the..... day of.....

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands.

ENDORSEMENTS

Change in the employment of the registered diver :-

(a) From Shri..... holder of Shell fishing Licence No..... in respect of Shell fishing Zone No..... to Shri..... holder of shell fishing licence No..... in respect of shell fishing Zone No..... with effect from the..... is hereby endorsed.

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands

Dated the.....

(b) From Shri.....holder of shell fishing Licence No.....  
to Shri.....holder of shell fishing licence No.....  
in respect of shell fishing Zone No.....with effect from the.....  
is here by endorsed.

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands.

Dated the.....

(c) From Shri.....holder of shell fishing Licence No.....  
In respect of shell fishing zone No.....to Shri.....holder  
of shell fishing licence No.....in respect of shell fishing zone  
No .....with effect from..... is hereby endorsed.

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands,

Dated the.....

(d) From Shri.....holder of Licence No.....  
in respect of Shell fishing Zone No.....to Shri.....  
.....holder of shell fishing Licence No.....  
in respect of shell fishing Zone No.....with effect from the.....  
is hereby endorsed.

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands

Dated the.....

#### RENEWALS

The prescribed fee having been paid by the registered diver, this CERTIFICATE is hereby renewed and rendered valid under sub-rule (2) of rule 30 of the A & N Islands Shell Fishing Amendment Rules, 1978 for the shell fishing season :-

1. Commencing from.....and ending on.....

Licensing Office,  
A & N Islands

Dated the.....

2. Commencing from..... and ending on.....

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands

Dated the.....

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3. Commencing from.....and ending on.....

Licensing Officer,  
A & N Islands.

Dated the.....

4. Commencing from.....and ending on.....

Licensing Officer,  
A N & Islands

Dated the.....

**Form '1'**  
(See Rule 29 (5) )  
**BOOK OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AS DIVERS GRANTED UNDER RULE 29 (5) OF THE SHELL FISHING  
RULES, 1978 OF THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS. RENEWED UNDER SUB-RULE (2) OF RULE 30 OF  
FISHING RULES, 1978.**

1	Number of Certificate	
2	Registered diver's name, father's name and address	
3	Nationality	
4	Hieght	Registered Divers
5	Colour of Hair	
6	Colour of Eyes	
7	Distinguishing marks	
8	Photograph	
9	Description of shell fishing implementes and methods to be employed	
10	Date of grant of certificate	
11	Season for which certificate has been granted	
12	Challan No. and date of payment of prescribed fee for grant of certificate	
13	Date of renewal of certificate	RENEWALS
14	Seasons for which certificate has been renewed	
15	Challan No. and Date of payment of prescribed fee for renewal of certificate	
16	Name and licence No of the registered diver's employing licensee at the time of grant of certificate	
17	Name and licence No. of the licensee from whose employment the registered diver change over	
18	Name and licence No. of the licensee to whose employment the registered diver changes over	
19	Date of change of registered diver's employment from the licensee mentioned in column 17 to the licensee mentioned in column 18	
20	REMARKS	

\*Each certificat shall be given a separate number serially.  
N. B :- In order to provide space for recording renewals and change in employment, a page of this book may be allotted to each certificate.

Form 'J'

Application under sub-rule (2) of rule 30 of the A & N Islands Shell Fishing Rules, 1978 for renewal of the Certificate of registration as a diver for shell fishing.

To

The Licensing Officer,  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Port Blair

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the applicant) was granted certificate of registration as a diver for the shell fishing season commencing from the 1st October \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and ending on the 30th April \_\_\_\_\_ (year) (and this certificate was renewed from time to time and rendered valid upto the 30th April \_\_\_\_\_ (year). As the certificate has since expired, I hereby apply for its renewal, on the same terms and conditions for another shell fishing season commencing from the 1st October \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and ending on the 30th April \_\_\_\_\_ (year). \_\_\_\_\_ The required particulars are as follows :-

- (a) No. of the expired certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Date of grant of the expired certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Date of last renewal, if any, of the expired certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Description of shell fishing implements and methods employed during the last season \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Changes proposed to be made, if any, in the description of shell fishing implements, and methods, if the expired certificate is renewed as applied for \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Name, address and licence No. of licensee by or names, addresses and licence Nos. of licensee under whom the applicant was employed or engaged during the last season \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Name, address and licence No. of the licensee by or under whom the applicant was employed or engaged at the close of the season \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) Name, address and licence No. of the licensee by or under whom the applicant is proposed to be employed or engaged during the shell fishing season for which the certificate is to be renewed \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Details of any other kind of fishing licence hold by the applicant, if any \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) Has the applicant been convicted of any offence during the last year, and if so, the details of the offence and the punishment awarded \_\_\_\_\_
- (k) Present address of the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

2. The expired certificate is attached herewith.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Signature of applicant.

CERTIFICATE

Certified that the applicant is proposed to be employed by me for shell-fishing in zone No \_\_\_\_\_ of the A & N Waters for the Shell-fishing season commencing from the 1st October \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) and ending on the 30th April \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

Signature of licensee

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_

Licence No. \_\_\_\_\_

Form 'K'

Application under sub-rule (4) of rule 31 of the A & N Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978

To

Licensing Officer,
A & N Islands,
Port Blair

I,.....(name of the applicant) being a registered diver and holder of valid certificate of registration No.....propose to change my employing licensee and hereby apply that the change may be endorsed on my certificate of registration as required by sub-rule (4) of rule 31 of the A & N Islands Shell-fishing Rule, 1978. The required particulars are as follows :-

- (a) Name, address and licence No. of the licensee by or under whom the applicant is at present employed or engaged for shell-fishing or is authorised to be employed or engaged.....
(b) Name, address and licence No of the licensee by or under whom the applicant will be employed or engaged after termination of his employment or engagement under the licence mentioned at item (a).....

2. My certificate of registration is attached herewith.

Dated the.....
Signature of applicant

CERTIFICATE

Certified that after termination of his employment under Shri.....holder of shell fishing licence for shell fishing in Zone No.....of the A & N Waters.

Dated the.....
Signature of the licensee to whose employment the applicant proposes to change over.
Licence No.....

Form 'L'

Application under sub-rule (1) (b) (c) of rule 15 of the A & N Islands Shell-fishing Rules, 1978.

To

The Licensing Officer,
A & N Islands,
Port Blair

I,.....(Name of the applicant), beg to apply for a "Sea Shell Dealer's Licence" for carrying out retail business in sea-shells of the kind noted below in the market of town.....of A & N Islands for one complete year from.....to.....

The particulars required are given as follows :-

1. Applicant's name :
2. Applicant's father's name :
3. Postal Address :
4. Name of the locality in which shop is located :
5. Details of the shop, Municipal Number etc. if any,
6. Kind of shells in which business will be carried out.

Date :

Signature of the  
applicant

### Form 'M'

Licence for a 'Sea shell dealing' in retail business under sub-rule 1 (d) of rule 15 of the A & N Islands shell fishing Rules, 1978.

Fee Rs. 25/-

This "Sea Shell Dealer's Licence" is hereby granted to Shri .....son of .....resident of.....for carrying out retail business in his shop No.....located.....area.....town of A & N Islands from.....to .....subject to following condition :-

#### CONDITIONS

1. This licence shall be kept in the shop all the time where the retail sea shell business will be carried and displayed at proper place so that it could be easily seen by a customer or visitor.
2. This licence is solely for sea shell-retail business.
3. Provisions of sub rule 1 (b) of rule 15 shall be binding condition of this licence.
4. The licence should be produced for inspection or demand of a authorised officer or Licensing Officer.
5. He shall not carry business of any other variety of shell or shells other than those permitted in this licence.
6. This licence only entitles for carrying out retail business in shells of the kind specified in the licence and no other item like corals, sea trees/sea fan etc.
7. Under this licence any dealing of undersized shell as specified in sub-rule 1 of rule 13 of A & N Islands Shell Fishing Rule 1978, is strictly prohibited.
8. The licence will be liable to cancellation on infringement of any of the conditions stated above.
9. Any infringement to condition as on Sl.No.7 of this licence will lead to the cancellation of licence and will also attract the penalties as specified in sub regulation 1, (ii) of regulation 5 of A & N Islands Fisheries Regulation 1938,
10. Any other conditions imposed from time to time by an order of the Chief Commissioner A & N Islands for the holder of such licence. He is permitted to carry out retail business in following types of shells :-

Licensing Officer  
A & N Islands

SCHEDULE - III

The prescribed fee for a matter specified in column(1) of the table below shall be the amount indicated here against in column (2)

TABLE

Column (1)	Column (2)
1. Inspection by the Marine Engineer and Harbour Master for grant of a certificate of sea worthiness and suitability under sub-rule (2) of rule 25 in the case of a.....	
(i) Power-driven boat to be used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing	Rupees one hundred
(ii) rowing or sailing boat to be used, employed or engaged in shell-fishing	Rupees five
2. Registration and grant of a certificate of registration under sub-rule (3) of rule 25 in the case of a.....	
(i) Power driven boat equipped for shell-fishing	Rupees fifty plus rupees five for each diving apparatus. Rupees ten.
(ii) Boat other than a power-driven boat	
3. Registration of a person as a diver and grant of a certificate of registration under rule 29, OR renewal of such certificate under sub-rule (2) of rule 30	Rupees twenty per season

**S. M. KRISHNATRY**  
Chief Commissioner  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

*By Order*

And in the name of the  
Chief Commissioner

**L. MEWA LALL**  
Assistant Secretary (Fisheries)

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NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 30th June, 1992

No. 98 92, F. No. 5-1 (13) /89-Dev. I. — In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 12 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation, 1938, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been pleased to make the following Rules further to amend the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Shell-Fishing Rules, 1978 Issued with the Administration's Notification No. 32/79/F. No. 5-1 (13) 73-Dev. II (MHF) dated 8-3-1979 and published in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 20 dated 8-3-79, namely :-

- Short title and Commencement 1. (1) These Rules may be called the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 1992.
- Amendment of Rule 17 2. (2) They shall come into force at once.  
In the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Shell Fishing Rules 1978 (hereinafter called the "said Rules") :-
- (1) For the words & figure "Rs. 1000/-" appearing in clause (ii) of Rule 17, the following shall be substituted :-  
"Rs. 10,000/-".
- (2) For the existing provisions of clause (iv) of Rule 17, the following shall be substituted :-  
"The bid amount shall be paid by the highest bidder in four equal instalments to be equally spread throughout the period of the licence. The first of such instalment shall be paid by the successful bidder immediately after the bid is knocked down in his favour. The rest of the instalments shall be paid regularly on the dates specified in this behalf in the agreement prescribed in clause (v).

Lieutenant Governor  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands  
By Order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor  
Sd/-  
Assistant Secretary (Fy.)