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Dear Sir,

Since the Ocean surrounds Sri Lanka, Fishing industry is a major sector that provides nutritious food to the people and significantly contributes to Sri Lanka's economy. Approximately **52000 fishing vessels** including Multiday and small craft fishing vessels such as I Day, OFRP, Oru, Theppam, Vallam are engaged in coastal and deep sea fishing.

Consequently, there are numerous safety concerns related to the lives of approximately **300,000** fishermen working on these fishing vessels. The primary issue is that despite having large number of fishing vessels and fishermen, our country does not possess even a single **Rescue vessel** or **High Speed Rescue Ambulance**. And also, there is no Action plan or proper system in place to save lives or vessels in distress situation at sea.

If the fisherman who goes to the sea is able to return to the shore carefully and if the fisherman has confidence in his life only the people of the country can get nutritious food.

Therefore sir, I kindly request you to pay attention in this regard.

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