

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 276/1991

There is a complete ban on fishing by Foreign Vessels within maritime zone of India as per section 3 of the Maritime zones of India (Regulation of Fishing Foreign vessels) act 1981. The main object of the Act is to curb poaching activities of Foreign Fishing Vessels and to protect the interest of the fishermen of the country. A central agency called the 'Coast Guard' has been constituted for implementing the provisions of the Act.

The Coast Guard authorities have suggested considering the feasibility of treating cases under the Maritime zones of India (Regulation of fishing and Foreign Vessels) Act 1981, as special report cases.

After due deliberation, it has been decided that in order to exercise effective control and supervision over the investigation of cases under the HZI Act, such cases should be treated as Special report cases. As such it is hereby ordered that all cases under the Maritime Zones of India (Regulations of fishing and Foreign Vessels) be treated as Special report cases and all the progress reports submitted promptly to the Crime Branch and the Range D.I.G.

Director General and Inspector
General of Police, Orissa