

1. Fishing in any of the 'Public Waters' in the Union Territory of Delhi is prohibited except under a licence to be obtained from the Development Commissioner, Delhi and strictly in accordance with the conditions of such licence.
2. On or after the 1st of April each year the Development Commissioner, Delhi or any other officer specially appointed by him for the purpose shall put to auction the right of fishing in the various 'Public Waters' or portion of the 'Public Waters' of the Union Territory of Delhi and shall grant a licence to the highest suitable bidder in the respect of each 'Public Waters' on payment of the amount offered by him in full or by installments as hereinafter provided.
3. The Licensee shall pay the amount offered by him for the fishing rights in full at the time of auction or by four equal instalments, (i) on the acceptance of the bid on the spot, (ii) on the 1st of July, (iii) on 1st of October, and (iv) on 1st of December. In the latter case, the licensee shall furnish adequate security with two sureties to the satisfaction of the Development Commissioner for payment of all the instalments:
Provided that the licence fee paid may be refunded to the legal heir of the licensee after his death on the presentation of a claim for refund within one week from the date of the issue of the licence, if it is proved to the satisfaction of the officer issuing the licence that the licence was not availed of.
4. A licence granted under rule 2 shall remain in force from the 1st April in each year to the 31st March in the year following, but no fishing except with rod and line shall be allowed during the period from 1st July to 31st August.
5. (1) The licensee shall be entitled to fish personally or by his agents or nominees, who shall be provided with written permits signed by the Development Commissioner, Delhi or any officer authorized by him in this behalf.

Providing that nothing in the rules shall entitle a licence holder or his agents or nominees to fish in any water closed to fishing by rule notified under section 6 of the Indian fisheries Act, 1897 (IV of 1897).

(2) The Development Commissioner or an officer duly authorized by him may from time to time supply to the licensee a sufficient number of blank permits duly signed by him or the officer so authorized.

(3) The Development Commissioner may also issue on behalf the licensee or licensees permits for rod and line fishing for sport only at a fee of Rs.5 per mensem. The fees so realized shall be credited to the

licensee. The licensee shall not interfere with the holder of such permits. Where a permit granted under this rule is lost or accidentally destroyed, the authority empowered to grant such permits may grant another permit, which shall be duplicate of the original permit, on payment of a fee of rupees two only.

6. The following shall inter alia be the condition of the licence granted under these rules:-

- (a) That the licensee or his agents or nominees shall use the following Kinds of gear only for the purpose of fishing :-
 - (i) Nets of all kinds.
 - (ii) Rod and Line.
 - (iii) Spears.

Provided that no gear except Rod and Line may be used in any River within a distance of 200 yards from any bridge.

- (b) That the licensee or his agents or nominees shall report to the Development Commissioner or any officer of the Fisheries department any breach of the rules relating to fishing that may come to his or their notice.
- (c) That the licensee or his agents or nominees shall not be entitled to erect any fixed engines (except in case of stake nets when they are temporarily fixed in waters for use in conjunction with drag nets), dams and weirs for catching fish or to use poison, lime dynamite, other noxious or explosive substance in catching fish.
- (d) That every licence holder shall be bound to show his licence to any person empowered under Section 6 of the Act to arrest without warrant for offences under the Act.

7. All apparatus erected or used for fishing in contravention of these

rules may be seized by any person empowered under section 6 of the Act to arrest without warrant, for the breach of any rules made under section 3 of the Act and such apparatus and all fish taken by means of such apparatus may be forfeited on conviction of the offender under section 5 of the Act.

8. If any person licensed under rule 2 or any person holding a permit under rule 5 is convicted of a breach of the rules herein notified or for any other reasons to be recorded in writing, the Development Commissioner may cancel or suspend the licence or permit of the licensee or permit holder.

9. (a) If a person holding a permit under rule 5 is convicted of a breach of these rules and it appears to the Development Commissioner that the breach was committed with the knowledge and connivance of, or at the instigation of, the licensee, the Development Commissioner may cancel the licence of that licensee.

(b) If the licensee fails to pay the instalment on the due date the Development Commissioner may cancel his licence.
10. On the cancellation of the licence all permits issued along with it shall also be considered as cancelled, the amount already paid by the licensee shall not be refunded to him, the right of fishing shall be re-auctioned by the Development Commissioner in the manner hereinbefore provided, and any deficiency in the original bid shall be recovered from the first licensee as an arrear of land revenue.
11. It shall be the condition of the licence that no fish below the size of 8" inches of the species (i) Rohu (ii) Mrigal (iii) Calbasu (iv) Mahseer and (v) Catla (Thaila) shall be retained. Any such fish caught shall be released and restored to the water immediately.
12. Nothing in these rules shall prevent catching by any gear any species of fish of any size and weight at any time of the year by the employees of the Fisheries Department, Delhi.

No. F. 1(2)/Fish/(Dev.)(iv)/2613.-In exercise of the Powers conferred by section 3 of the Punjab Fisheries Act, 1914 (II of 1914), as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi is pleased to make the following rules published with the Notification No. F. 7(4)/52/P&D dated 28th July, 1953 and as subsequently amended for the regulation of fishing in the Government Canals in the Union Territory of Delhi, the same having been previously published with his Notification No. F.1(2)/fish/(Dev.)(iv)/64/2158 dated the 19th March, 1964.