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Please refer to your RTI Application No. 60773 and with the file no. RTI/551/867/2014.

2. The Applicant has requested for the following information:

Question: The details of the Katchatheevu Issue and the Agreement done between INDIAN GOVERNMENT and SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT

3. The information sought by the applicant is as follows:

"Katchatheevu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) that was delineated by the 1974 Agreement "(Agreement on the boundary in historic waters between the two countries and related Matters (with map). Signed at Colombo on 26 June 1974, and at New Delhi on 28 June 1974)". Under the Agreement, Indian fishermen are allowed access to Katchatheevu Island for rest, for drying of nets and for the annual St. Anthony's festival. The Katchatheevu Island issue is, however, currently sub-judice with two Writ Petitions [Nos. 561 (2008) and 430 (2013)] filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Enclosed are the copies of the following relevant Agreements signed between India and Sri Lanka on maritime boundary.

- Agreement on the boundary in historic waters between the two countries and related matters, June 1974.
- Agreement on the maritime boundary between the two countries in the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal and related matters, March 1976.
- Exchange of letters constituting and agreement on the Wadge Bank Fisheries, March 1976.

3. In case you prefer to appeal, you may write to Smt. Suchitra Durai, Joint Secretary (SM & IOR) & Appellate Authority, SM & IOR Division, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110011 within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.



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1. US (RTI). W.r.t. RTI Cell OM No. RTI/551/867/2014 dated 28/07/2014