

1,181 complaints settled at Adalat

Loan worth ₹5.81 lakh written off

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A total of 1,181 complaints were settled and loan worth ₹5.81 lakh written off at the Matsya Adalat on Tuesday organised at Marine Drive as part of Matsyotsavam to celebrate the first anniversary of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government.

Minister for Fisheries J. Mercykutty Amma, who inaugurated the programmes and led the adalat, said all fishermen registered with the Fishermen's Welfare Board would be given preference when ration cards were distributed. More than 300 applications were received from people seeking to be included in the preferential list, said a press release here.

Fisheries director S. Karthikeyan and senior officials of the department were present at the adalat.

A total of 630 applications on debt relief were received. The applications that relate to loans availed before 2008 had been handed over to the Debt Relief Commission for immediate action. Fishermen also received a total of ₹15 lakh assistance through various insurance schemes.

There will be a Theera Maithri conclave on Wednesday. A complaint that the Chellanam panchayat was yet to receive an additional ₹10,000 for an open defecation free programme was addressed by the Minister. The money would be paid immediately, she said.