ABSTRACT

Fisheries – Marine Fisheries - Tamil Nadu Savings-Cum-Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen under State Funds – Implementation of the scheme for the year 2018-19 – Administrative approval accorded – Financial sanction of Rs.59,65,00,000/- - Orders – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES (FS-3) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.181 Dated: 25.9.2018

Read:

2. G.O.(Ms) No.146, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (FS-3) Department, dated 25.7.2018

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.59,64,99,000/- being the State Government’s share as relief amount for disbursement of relief assistance to 1,98,833 marine fisherwomen during the fishing lean period for the year 2017-2018 under the Tamil Nadu Savings-cum-Relief Scheme.

2) In the Government Order second read above, orders were issued according administrative approval for implementation of the Tamil Nadu Savings cum Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen under State Plan during the year 2018-19 by adopting existing pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India as follows:-

i) To enroll the eligible marine fisherwomen and to collect subscription amount as per the existing pattern of assistance

ii) permitting the Director of Fisheries to collect the subscription amount for the first 7 months in one lumpsum (i.e. January to July) pertaining to 10 districts (viz., Tiruvallur to Ramnad (including Rameswaram) and to collect subscription amount for the first 4 months in one lumpsum (i.e. April to July) pertaining to Kanniyakumari District as a special case. For
the remaining months, the subscription collection will be done as per the
guidelines.

iii) To remit the subscription amount collected from the enrolled eligible
beneficiaries directly in the bank account of respective fisherwomen
cooperative societies. The concerned fisherwomen cooperative society
will reconcile the beneficiaries contribution and the number of
beneficiaries within the due date for remittance and transfer the same to
the respective savings bank accounts maintained in the name of Director
of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI bank through
Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).

iv) To utilise the existing Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificates obtained from
the respective District Collectors for the old eligible beneficiaries.

v) To take action to obtain necessary Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate
for the newly enrolled fisherwomen beneficiaries. New beneficiaries shall
be permitted to enroll under this scheme from the next year scheme
i.e. 2019-2020.

3) Under the scheme, the subscription amount of Rs.1,500/- would be
collected from fisherwomen over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- for 8 months and
Rs.100/- for ninth month. The Government share of Rs.3,000/- will be borne by
Government of Tamil Nadu. Thus, a total relief amount of Rs.4,500/- (Fisherwomen
- Rs.1,500- + State Government - Rs.3,000/-) will be distributed to the eligible
fisherwomen in three equal monthly installment during the fishing lean months.

4) In the letter third read above, the Director of Fisheries has reported that in
accordance with the Government Order second read above, the Coastal Assistant
Directors of Fisheries have been instructed to take immediate action to enroll
eligible fisherwomen and to collect subscription amount from them and to remit
the same in the respective Saving Bank account maintained in IDBI and ICICI banks
and that the enrollment of eligible fisherwomen under this scheme is in process and
only after completion of enrollment, the actual number of fisherwomen enrolled in
this scheme will be known.

5) In anticipation of finalization of eligible fisherwomen beneficiaries under
this scheme, the Director of Fisheries has requested to issue necessary financial
sanction being Government contribution under Tamil Nadu Fisherwomen Savings
cum Relief scheme for the year 2018-19 as follows:-

i) In accordance with the Government order first read above, a sum of Rs.59.57
crore being Government share was released to the 1,98,579 fisherwomen
beneficiaries through National Electronic Funds transfer (NEFT) along with
beneficiary’s contribution. As the disbursement was completed, reconciliation
of accounts is being done with the executing banks concerned. On
completion of reconciliation process, unspent amount, if any, will be remitted
back to Government account and subsequently, necessary Utilization
certificate will be furnished separately. Since, the non fishing period
pertaining to ten coastal districts viz., Tiruvallur to Ramanathapuram
is to be observed between October to December, relief amount has to be disbursed to the beneficiaries during the above said period as indicated below:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Zone</th>
<th>Name of the Districts</th>
<th>Non Lean Months</th>
<th>Lean Months</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram)</td>
<td>January to September</td>
<td>October to December</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Kanyakumari</td>
<td>April to December</td>
<td>January to March</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi</td>
<td>July to March</td>
<td>April to June</td>
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During the year 2017-18, 1,98,579 fisherwomen beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme. Further, it is anticipated that there will be a 5% increase in the number of beneficiaries due to the inclusion of new beneficiaries who obtained Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate from the concerned District Collectors during the year 2017-18. Hence, 5% anticipated increase may be added and sanction may be accorded for disbursement of Tamil Nadu Fisheries Saving-cum-Relief Scheme to 2,08,500 number of marine fisherwomen during lean fishing period for the year 2018-19 as furnished below:

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<th>S. N.</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>No. of beneficiaries (in Nos.)</th>
<th>State Govt contribution @ Rs.3000/- per fisherwomen (in Rs.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1)</td>
<td>No. of marine fisherwomen benefitted during the year 2017-18</td>
<td>1,98,579</td>
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<td>2)</td>
<td>Add: 5% increase (1,98,579 X 5% = 9,928 Nos)</td>
<td>9,928</td>
<td>62,55,00,000/-</td>
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<td>3)</td>
<td>Total No. of marine fisherwomen</td>
<td>2,08,507 rounded off to 2,08,500</td>
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<td>Total Amount to be sanctioned</td>
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<td>62,55,00,000/-</td>
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<td>(Rupees sixty two crore and fifty five lakh only)</td>
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6) Hence, the Director of Fisheries has requested orders of the Government on the following:

i) to sanction a sum of Rs.62,55,00,000/- being the State Government’s share towards disbursement of Savings cum Relief amount to 2,08,500 marine fisherwomen beneficiaries along with their contribution under this scheme for the year 2018-2019
ii) to permit the Director of Fisheries to release the subscription amount collected from the fisherwomen beneficiaries along with the State Government’s relief amount during the three lean months period.

iii) to provide a total sum of Rs.62.55 crore including the required balance amount of Rs.2.90 crore in the Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation 2018-2019, as sum of Rs.5965.00 lakh has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-19.

iv) Pending provision of funds, to authorize the Director of Fisheries to draw and deposit the same in the Personal Deposit /Saving Bank Account being operated in the name of Director of Fisheries and to disburse the relief amount to the fisherwomen beneficiaries of coastal districts through (National Electronic Funds transfer) by utilizing the services of IDBI / ICICI bank as approved in G.O.(Ms) No.285, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS3) Department, dated: 4.11.2013.

7) The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Fisheries carefully and have decided to accept it. Accordingly, sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.59,65,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Crore and Sixty Five Lakh only) which has been allocated in Budget Estimate 2018-19 being the State Government’s share towards disbursement of savings cum relief amount to 1,98,833 marine fisherwomen beneficiaries along with their contribution under this scheme for the year 2018-2019. Any, additional amount required is to be considered at the time of Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation 2018-19.

8) The Government also permit the Director of Fisheries to release the subscription amount collected from the fisherwomen beneficiaries along with the State Government’s share during the three lean months period as indicated in para 5 above.

9) The Government also authorize the Director of Fisheries to draw and deposit the amount sanctioned in para 7 above in the Personal Deposit /Saving Bank Account being operated in the name of Director of Fisheries and to disburse the relief amount to the fisherwomen beneficiaries of coastal districts through (National Electronic Funds transfer) by utilizing the services of IDBI / ICICI bank as approved in G.O.(Ms) No.285, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS3) Department, dated 4.11.2013.

10) The amount sanctioned in para 7 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

2405-00-Fisheries – 800 - Other Expenditure – State’s Expenditure - KD Relief Scheme for Tamil Nadu Marine Fisherwomen during lean months - 11- Subsidies - 01 Individual based subsidy (D.P.C. 2405-00-800 KD 1111)

11) The Director of Fisheries is directed to remit the unspent amount of previous years, if any, kept in bank in Government account forthwith.
12) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.47429 AHDF/18, dated 24.9.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. GOPAL
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Fisheries, Chennai-35.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/18(By Name)
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.
The Resident Audit Officer, O/o. the Principal Accountant General,
   Chennai-9
The Coastal District Collectors concerned, (13 Districts)
   through the Director of Fisheries, Chennai-35

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