



ABSTRACT

Fisheries – Schemes Shared between State and Centre - National Scheme of Welfare of Marine Fishermen – Implementation of the Scheme and to enroll the fishermen beneficiaries for the year 2015-2016 – Orders – Issued.

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.151

Dated:13.7.2015

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Read:

1. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries New Delhi, Letter No.F.12035/01/2014-FY (WU), dated.9.4.2014
2. G.O.(D) No.198, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 22.09.2014
3. G.O.(4D) No.4, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 15.10.2014
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries Letter R.C. No.540/J2/ 2015, Dated:8.1. 2015

ORDER:

The Centrally Sponsored National Savings-cum-Relief Scheme for marine fishermen is an ongoing welfare Scheme for marine fishermen and is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1992 onwards as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India.

2. In their letter first read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, New Delhi has conveyed the administrative approval for implementation of Central Sector Scheme namely, "National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen" for the year 2014-15 as per the newly approved pattern during the 12th five year plan. One of the components approved by Government of India is the National Savings cum Relief Scheme. The Government of India, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture) has enhanced the Government share of the relief amount from the existing Rs.1,200/- to Rs.1,800/- which will be equally shared by State and Central Governments. Further, the contribution to be collected from marine fishermen has also been enhanced from Rs.600/- to Rs.900/- which would be collected from the fishermen over a period of 9 months at the rate of Rs.100/- per month. Thus, the total contribution of Rs.2,700/- (Fishermen Contribution - Rs.900/- + State Government Share - Rs.900/- + Central Government Share - Rs.900/-) would be distributed to fishermen in 3 equal monthly installments of Rs.900/- per month during the fishing lean months. The interest accrued on the saving of the fishermen would also be disbursed along with the 3rd installment.

3. In the Government Order second read above, administrative approval was issued for implementation of the scheme of National Savings-cum-Relief Scheme for marine fishermen adopting the revised pattern of funding and guidelines under this scheme for the year 2014-15.

4. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued for sanctioning a sum of Rs.39,60,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty nine crore and sixty lakh only) towards the disbursement of relief assistance to 2,20,000 marine fishermen of 13 coastal Districts in Tamil Nadu under National Savings Cum Relief Scheme being the State and the Central share for the year 2014-2015 as per the guidelines stipulated in the Government Order second read above.

5. In the letter fourth read above the Commissioner of Fisheries has requested to issue administrative approval for implementation of the scheme of National Fishermen Savings-cum-Relief (NFSR) scheme as per the revised pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India for the year 2014-15. The Commissioner of Fisheries has requested administrative approval for implementation of the scheme during the year 2015-2016 and to enroll the eligible marine fishermen from the 13 coastal Districts in the scheme and to collect monthly subscription amount of Rs.100/-per month for 9 months (Total Rs.900/-) from them, based on the fishing lean months adopted in the respective districts, as following:-

Sl.No	Name of Districts	Commencement of Subscription.
1	Chennai to Ramanathapuram (10 Districts)	From January 2015 to September
2	Kanniyakumari (1 District)	April 2015 to December
3	Thoothukudi to Tirunelveli (2 Districts)	July 2015 to March 2016.

The enrolled eligible beneficiaries have to remit their monthly subscription amount directly in the bank in the respective society bank account. The concerned Co-operative society will reconcile the beneficiaries contribution and the number of beneficiaries within the due date for remittance and transfer the same to the respective office Savings Bank account maintained in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS). The Commissioner of Fisheries has also requested the Government to permit the Commissioner of Fisheries to adopt the Comprehensive modalities issued in the Government Order second read above, for effective implementation of National savings cum relief scheme for fishermen for the year 2015-2016.

6. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Fisheries at Para-5 above and accord administrative approval for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Savings-cum-Relief scheme for marine fishermen during the year 2015-2016 by adopting the revised pattern of funding and guidelines under this scheme issued in the Government Order second read above. The Commissioner of Fisheries is permitted to enroll the eligible marine fishermen, as well as to collect total subscription amount of Rs.600/- in one lump sum i.e. from January 2015 to June 2015 and Rs.100/- per month from July 2015 to September 2015 (totalling Rs.900/-) in 10 coastal districts (i.e. from Thiruvallur to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram); and Rs.300/- in one lump sum i.e., from April 2015 to June 2015 and Rs.100/- per month from

July 2015 to December 2015 (totalling Rs.900/-) in Kanyakumari District; and Rs.100/- per month from July 2015 onwards in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts, as per the existing guidelines for collection and remittance of the subscription amount. Government of India in its administrative sanction has insisted that the coastal States need to furnish Below Poverty Line Certificate. In this connection, the Coastal District Collectors concerned are requested to issue the Below Poverty Line Certificate to the fishermen proposed to be enrolled under this scheme. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the District concerned shall submit the list of fishermen beneficiaries to be enrolled under this scheme and get necessary Below Poverty Line Certificate from the District Collector.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also requested to follow the guidelines and modalities issued by the Government of India annexed to this order.

8. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.39465/Finance(AH,D&F)/2015, dated.13.7.2015.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S.VIJAYAKUMAR
Secretary to Government

To
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai-6.
The Under Secretary to Government of India,
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries,
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18/18 (By Name).
The Pay and Accounts Officer(South), Chennai-35.
The Resident Audit Officer,
Office of the Principal Accountant General, Chennai- 9.
The Coastal District Collectors concerned, (13 Districts)
through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai-6.

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Annexure to G.O. (MS) No.151, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
(FS-3) Department, dated.13.7.2015

**COMPREHENSIVE MODALITIES FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS-CUM-RELIEF
SCHEME FOR MARINE FISHERMEN FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**

The revised pattern of guidelines for implementation of the scheme based on the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India:

1. Eligible fishermen means, a person who is professionally engaged in fulltime fishing and is a member of Co-operative Society / Federation / Welfare societies lives below poverty line and is below 60 years of age and doesn't own mechanized boat / beach landing craft. If any member of a fishermen family has regular employment or indulges in any other income generating activity, such family will not qualify to be beneficiary under this component.
2. The fisheries co-operative society member list as on 31.12.2014 as per the admission register along with age, has to be obtained from the society duly signed by the competent authority of the respective societies.
3. Applications from individual beneficiaries with savings bank account details have to be received through Fishermen Co operative Society. A legible photocopy of the first page of the bank passbook must be enclosed with the application and scrutinized by the officials concerned.
4. Inspector of Fisheries / Sub-Inspector of Fisheries concerned should verify the beneficiary list with the member list and admission book of the society in which the fisherman is enrolled as a member. Discrepancies if any have to be verified with valid proof like ration card, birth certificate, etc. The Inspector of Fisheries / Sub-Inspector of Fisheries concerned should verify the genuineness of every application and certify the application.
5. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the District concerned shall submit the list of fishermen beneficiaries to be enrolled under this scheme and get necessary Below Poverty Line certificate from the District Collector.
6. The final list of eligible beneficiaries as per the modalities must be made ready and the district wise number of beneficiaries' enrolled should be compiled and sent to Commissionerate of Fisheries duly recommended with necessary certificates from the District Collector and the Regional Joint Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries.
7. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should then display the eligible beneficiary list along with the details of the scheme in a prominent place such as community hall, village temple / Church, society office in each village for scrutiny by the villagers and for suggesting any addition / deletion /modification. The same list should be hosted in the official website of Department of Fisheries for inviting objections from the public if any.

8. All application received after due verification should be hard bound Co-operative Societies wise and kept in the office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries for verification and audit purposes in future.
9. Contribution by fishermen shall be Rs.900/- per year.
10. The period of contribution is 9 months @ Rs.100/- per month.
11. The Central and State Government contribution is Rs.1800/- equally shared @ Rs.900/- each.
12. The total of Rs.2700/- (fishermen contribution of Rs.900/- + Central Government contribution of Rs.900/- + State Government contribution of Rs.900/-) would be disbursed to the fishermen through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
13. As per the eligible beneficiary list, monthly subscription has to be collected from the beneficiaries by the society concerned and remit the money in the designated IDBI / ICICI bank accounts operated in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries on or before 10th of every succeeding month.
14. The Fishery Official should monitor the collection and deposition of the subscription amount every month.
15. A soft copy of the remittance and beneficiary wise monthly subscription details should be sent to respective IDBI / ICICI bank, before 15th of every month to facilitate to reconcile and monitor defaulters and also to allocate the matching grant to the beneficiaries.
16. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should ensure that under no circumstances, collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lump sum and also that the money is not distributed to the fishermen in lump sum **unless exempted by the Government.**
17. If a fishermen defaults in paying his contribution during the non-lean months, the Government's (both State and Centre) matching grant would be limited to the number of months for which he has actually subscribed and would be refunded to the fishermen in equal monthly installments during the lean months. The interest accrued should also be disbursed with the 3rd installment.
18. A default by any beneficiary in payment of monthly contribution, not exceeding beyond one month and twice during the fishing season, may be waived provided the amount is paid by the beneficiary with a default fee which is equal to the interest that would have otherwise accrued, had the contribution been paid on the due date (s).
19. The subscription for 9th month should be collected on or before 10th of the succeeding month and the disbursement amount applicable to the beneficiaries has to be updated in the master data immediately.
20. Lean months are limited to only 3 months.

21. The available master data has to be finalized by updating with new members enrolled/ deletion of death cases, beneficiaries above 60 years, members otherwise not found eligible. Photographs of the existing/ new beneficiaries should be affixed in the master data from this year onwards compulsorily
22. The Commissioner of Fisheries should draw the amount during the lean months including Centre and State contribution and transfer the relief amount to the beneficiaries through NEFT.
23. Inspector of Fisheries / Sub Inspector of Fisheries concerned should get signature of the eligible beneficiary in the prescribed pre-acquaintance form during the receipt of last month subscription in the presence of society president.
24. The soft copy of the master data of eligible beneficiaries should be sent to the Commissionarate of Fisheries for scrutiny and bank verification on or before 20th of the 10th month for uploading them for disbursement of relief amount.
25. After bank verification, the eligible list of beneficiaries would be sent to the Assistant Director of Fisheries which has to be prepared in bank format for disbursement through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
26. The bank rejection, if any, has to be verified with individual application form submitted by the individual immediately. After due verification, the corrected data has to be re-sent for uploading.
27. The name of the beneficiaries with photograph will be hosted in the fisheries website viz., www.fisheries.tn.gov.in
28. If any complaint is received in respect of enrollment of ineligible members under the scheme by the respective President, Fishermen Co-operative Society, the Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should initiate enquiry under relevant sections of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983.

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