



ABSTRACT

Fisheries – State Scheme – Saving – cum – Relief Scheme for Marine fisherwomen – Implementation of the Scheme during 2015-16-Enrollment of the marine fisherwomen and to collect the subscription amount for the year 2015-16 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms)No.152

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.199, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 22.09.2014.
3. G.O.(4D)No.3, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 14.10.2014.
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, letter Rc.No.541/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 from time to time.

2. The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the above said scheme for marine fisherwomen also under State Plan since 2006-2007, adopting the terms and conditions prescribed by the Government of India for Centrally Sponsored National Savings-cum-Relief scheme for marine fishermen vide G.O.(4D) No.13, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, dated 7.9.2006.

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3. 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 National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen for the year 2014-15 as per the newly approved pattern during the 12th five year plan. The Government of India, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture) has enhanced the Government's share of the relief amount from Rs.1,200/- to Rs.1,800/- which would 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.

4. In the Government Order second read above, orders were issued for implementation of the Savings-cum-Relief Scheme for marine fisherwomen by adopting the revised pattern of assistance and guidelines of the National Fishermen Savings-cum-Relief Scheme approved by the Government of India for the year 2014 – 15 and also permitted the Commissioner of Fisheries to enroll eligible marine fisherwomen, as well as to collect subscription amount of Rs.900/- under this scheme from January 2014 onwards in 10 coastal Districts (i.e., from Thiruvallur to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram), from April 2014 onwards in Kanyakumari District and from July 2014 onwards in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts and also to remit the fisherwomen subscription amount in IDBI / ICICI banks.

5. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.36,00,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty six crore only) being the State Government relief amount for disbursement to 2,00,000 marine fisherwomen beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Savings cum Relief Scheme for the year 2014-15 as per the guidelines stipulated in Government Order second read above. The sharing pattern under this scheme is Rs.900/- beneficiaries contribution + Rs.1800/- State Government's contribution

6. In the letter fourth read above, the Commissioner of Fisheries has informed that since this is an ongoing scheme, necessary orders have to be issued for implementation of the scheme for the year 2015-16 and to enroll the marine fisherwomen and to collect monthly subscription amount from them. Based on the fishing lean months adopted in the respective districts and the revised guidelines stipulated under this scheme the total subscription amount of Rs.900/- for the year 2015-2016 has to be collected from the eligible fisherwomen beneficiaries of 10 coastal districts from

Thiruvallur to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) from the month of January 2015, from April 2015 onwards in Kanyakumari District and from July 2015 onwards in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts @ Rs.100/- per month. The Commissioner of Fisheries has requested the Government to issue necessary administrative approval for implementation of the Scheme during the year 2015-2016.

7. The Government after careful examination, decided to accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Fisheries at Para 6 above and accord administrative approval for the implementation of Savings Cum Relief Scheme for marine fisherwomen under State Plan by adopting the guidelines issued by the Government of India for the year 2015-2016. The Commissioner of Fisheries is permitted to enroll the eligible marine fisherwomen, 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 (totaling 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 (totaling Rs.900/-) in Kanyakumari District; and Rs.100/- per month from July 2015 onwards in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts.

8. 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 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). With respect to remitting the fisherwomen's subscription amount in the account of the Commissioner of Fisheries maintained at IDBI / ICICI bank opened exclusively for this scheme, the fisherwomen subscription amount pertaining to the districts of Thiruvallur, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur and Pudukottai will be remitted in IDBI bank and in respect of fisherwomen subscription pertaining to Tiruvarur, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts the amount will be remitted in ICICI bank.

9. The norms / guidelines in vogue for obtaining the Below Poverty Line certificate for fishermen's scheme can be adopted in which the District Collectors of coastal Districts are requested to issue Below Poverty Line certificate to the fisherwomen proposed to be enrolled under this scheme. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the concerned District shall submit the list of fisherwomen beneficiaries to be enrolled under this scheme and obtain necessary Below Poverty Line certificate from the District Collector.

10. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also requested to follow the guidelines and comprehensive modalities enlisted in the Annexure to this order.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.39458/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 Accountant General, Chennai- 18/18(By Name).
The Pay and Accounts officer(South),Chennai – 35.
The Resident Audit Officer,
Office of the Principal Accounts Officer, Chennai -9.
The Coastal District Collectors concerned, (13 Districts)
through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai-6.

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Section Officer

Annexure to G.O.(Ms)No.152, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, Dated.13.7.2015

COMPREHENSIVE MODALITIES FOR SAVINGS-cum-RELIEF SCHEME FOR MARINE FISHERWOMEN 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 Fisherwoman means a person who is professionally engaged in fulltime fishing / fishery allied activities 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 fisherwoman 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 Fisherwomen 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 Fisherwoman 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 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 Regional Joint Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. Contribution by Fisherwoman shall be Rs.900/- per year.
9. The period of contribution is 9 months @ Rs.100/- per month.
10. The State Government contribution is Rs.1800/-.
11. The total of Rs.2700/- (Fisherwoman contribution of Rs.900/- + State Government contribution of Rs.1800/-) would be disbursed to the Fisherwoman through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
12. 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.
13. The Fishery Official should monitor the collection and deposition of the subscription amount every month.
14. 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.
15. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should ensure that under no circumstances, collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lump sum **unless exempted by the Government**
16. If a Fisherwoman defaults in paying her 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 she has actually subscribed and would be refunded to the Fisherwoman in one lump sum along with interest.
17. 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).
18. 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
19. Lean months are limited to only 3 months

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. The name of the beneficiaries with photograph will be hosted in the fisheries website viz., www.fisheries.tn.gov.in
27. If any complaint is received in respect of enrollment of ineligible members under the scheme by the respective President, Fisherwomen Co-operative Society, the Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should initiate enquiry under relevant sections of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983.
28. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the District concerned shall submit the list of fisherwomen beneficiaries to be enrolled under this scheme and get necessary BPL certificate from the District Collector.

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Secretary to Government

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