ABSTRACT


ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & FISHERIES (FS 3) DEPARTMENT


Visu Aandu, Iyppasi, 24, Thiruvalluvar Aandu, 2032

Read:-

1) G.O.(1D) No. 154, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, dated 20.10.2000
2) G.O.(1D) No. 13, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, dated 11.1.2001

ORDER:-

Under the Savings-cum-Relief Scheme, the fishermen who professionally engaged in full-time fishing in sea is member of Co-operative fishing society and lives below poverty line are being provided relief by Government during lean months, which is limited to four months in a year. Lean months in different parts of the coast in the State vary according to the climatic conditions and the monsoon weather. The Scheme is under implementation in the State from the year 1982 onwards by collecting contributions from the eligible marine fishermen for 8 months in a year from their savings, during non-lean seasons. From the year 1992-92, the scheme has been implemented as a component of the National Welfare scheme following the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India. Under this scheme, the State Government and the Government of India would provide contributions equivalent to the contribution of Rs.360/- collected from the fishermen at the rate of Rs.45/- per month for eight months on 1:1:1 basis for payment of relief during lean months at the rate of Rs.270/- per month for four months, to the fishermen who were enrolled under this scheme according to the guidelines prescribed by Government of India under the Government of India’s revised pattern of assistance for the year 2001-2002, the beneficiary fishermen have to pay monthly contribution of Rs.75/- for 8 months. A total sum of Rs.600/- thus collected will be matched with 50% contribution i.e. Rs.300/- each by the State and Central Government separately.
The total sum of Rs.1200/- will be distributed to the beneficiaries during the lean months. However during the budget speech delivered by the Hon’ble Minister for Finance and Law on 18.8.2001 in respect of Savings-cum-Relief Scheme the Hon’ble Minister announced that the beneficiary fishermen have to pay monthly contribution of Rs.50/- for 8 months and the remaining monthly contribution of Rs.25/- for 8 months will be borne by the State Government on behalf of beneficiary fishermen.

2. In the G.O. first read above a sum of Rs.13,21,20,000/- has been sanctioned for the implementation of the Savings-cum-Relief Scheme to the Marine fishermen of Tamil Nadu during the year 2000-2001. Further in the Government Order second read above a sum of Rs.19,98,720/- have also been sanctioned for the scheme. Against this, a sum of Rs.13,25,66,940/- (both Central and State grants) have been sanctioned to the beneficiaries.

3. The Commissioner & Director of Fisheries in his letter third read above has stated that during this year i.e. 2001-2002, 1,97,607 fishermen have been enrolled under the Savings-cum-Relief Scheme and therefore requested the Government to release a sum of Rs.15,80,83,200/- being the State and Central share for disbursement of the relief fund to the above enrolled fishermen.

4. Government after careful consideration accorded administrative sanction both full Central and State share of Rs.15,80,83,200/- (Rupees Fifteen crores eighty lakhs eighty three thousand and two hundred only) to the Commissioner and Director of Fisheries for disbursement to 1,97,607 fishermen under the Savings-cum-Relief Scheme, 2001-2002 subject to the following conditions:-
   1. i) Regarding release of cash dole, hitherto one lump sum payment was made to all beneficiaries for three different regions starting from November for areas upto Rameswaram and before March for other areas upto Kanniyakumari. Therefore this year also the same practice may be adopted as a special case and a special audit be done. However, the Commissioner and Director of Fisheries is requested to obtain the post facto approval from Government of India.
   2. ii) For the year 2002-2003, the amount collected from the beneficiary in every month may be credited in the government account by opening a separate receipt head under the Major head 0405. Fisheries.
   3. iii) Drawal of funds may be done in consultation with Finance (Ways and Means) Department.

5. The amount sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

   “2405. 00. Fisheries – 800. Other expenditure – Schemes in the IX Five Year Plan – VI. Schemes shared equally between State and Centre – UA. Relief Scheme for Tamil Nadu Marine Fishermen during lean months - 11. subsidies – 01. Individual based subsidy. (D.P.Code No. 2405.00.800.UA.1117)”

6. A sum of Rs.11.01 crores is provided in the Budget Estimate 2001020202 under this Scheme. Next year onwards the disbursement should be made in 4 monthly instalments during the lean months as per the guidelines of Government of India.
Sanction is hereby accorded for the release of Rs. 11.01 crores (Rupees Eleven crore and one lakh only) as first instalment and the balance will be sanctioned on receipt of Government of India’s share. The Commissioner and Director of Fisheries is authorized to incur the expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above during the year 2001-2002. The Commissioner and Director of Fisheries is directed to disburse the same to beneficiaries strictly as per Government of India’s guidelines.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 81462/Fin (AH&F) /2001, dated 9.11.2001.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

D. RAJENDRAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner and Director of Fisheries, Chennai-6.
The Accountant-General (TN), Chennai-18.
The Accountant-General (TN), Chennai-18 (by name).
The Accountant-General (TN), Chennai-35.
The Accountant-General (TN), Chennai-35 (By name).
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South) Chennai-35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai.
The District Treasury Officer, Nagapattinam, Tuticorin / Tiruchirapalli.

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Secretary to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.
Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Special Personal Assistant to Minister for Fisheries, Chennai-9.
Senior Personal Assistant to Minister for Finance and Law, Chennai.
Joint Director of Fisheries ® Trichy / Madurai thro’ Commissioner and Director of Fisheries, Chennai – 6.
Private Secretary to Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Chennai-9.
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/Forwarded By Order/

SECTION OFFICER