



ABSTRACT

Fisheries – National Savings-Cum-Relief Scheme for Marine Fishermen under Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Implementation of the scheme for the year 2018-19 – Administrative approval accorded – Financial sanction of Rs.62,43,45,000/- - Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No.182

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.200, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, dated 12.10.2017.
2. From the Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, letter No.27035/19/2015-Fy(IV), dated 28.9.2017
3. G.O.(Ms)No.163, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, dated 27.8.2018.
4. From the Director of Fisheries, letter Rc.No.6192/J2/2018, dated 6.9.2018.

ORDER:

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Saving-cum-Relief Scheme for Marine Fishermen is an ongoing scheme implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1992 onwards following the guidelines and pattern of assistance prescribed by the Government of India from time to time.

2) In Government Order first read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.62,43,45,000/- being both the Central and State Governments' share as relief amount for disbursement to 2,08,115 marine fishermen during the fishing lean period for the year 2017-2018. The Director of Fisheries has stated that in accordance with the above Government order, a sum of Rs.62.26 crore was released to the 2,07,520 fishermen beneficiaries through National Electronic Funds transfer (NEFT) along with beneficiaries' contribution. As the disbursement was completed, reconciliation of accounts is being done with the executing banks concerned, and on completion of reconciliation process, unspent amount, if any, will be remitted to Government account and Utilization certificate will be furnished separately.

3) In Government Order third read above, orders were issued according administrative approval for implementation of the National Savings-cum-Relief Scheme for Marine fishermen under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the year 2018-19 by adopting the pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India, and permitted the Director of Fisheries,

- i) To enroll the eligible marine fishermen and to collect subscription amount of Rs.1,500/- as per the existing pattern over a period of nine months at the rate of Rs.175/- per month for eight months and Rs.100/- for the ninth month;
- ii) To collect the subscription amount for the first seven months (i.e. January to July 2018) in one lumpsum pertaining to 10 districts viz. Tiruvallur to Ramnad (including Rameswaram)] and for 4 months (i.e. April to July 2018) pertaining to Kanyakumari, and for two months (i.e. July and August 2018) pertaining to Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli Districts 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 in the bank account of the respective fishermen co-operative societies. The concerned fishermen 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 Saving Bank Accounts maintained in the name of Director of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI banks through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).
- iv) To permit the Coastal Assistant Director of Fisheries to utilize the Below Poverty Line Certificates (BPL) obtained from the respective District Collectors for the old eligible fishermen beneficiaries and to take action to obtain necessary Below Poverty Line Certificate (BPL) for the newly enrolled fishermen, if any, and the newly enrolled beneficiaries shall be included in the next year scheme i.e. 2019-2020.
- v) To permit the Director of Fisheries, to disburse the total relief amount including beneficiary subscription in one lumpsum in order to enable the fisherfolk to utilise the assistance for lean season considering the present day cost of living.
- vi) To adopt the comprehensive modalities framed under this scheme.

4) In the letter fourth read above, the Director of Fisheries has reported that in accordance with the Government order third read above, the Coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries have been instructed to take immediate action to enroll eligible fishermen 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 enrollment of eligible fishermen under this scheme is in process and only after completion of enrollment, the actual number of fishermen enrolled in this scheme will be known.

5) The Director of Fisheries has reported that since, the non fishing period pertaining to ten coastal districts viz., Tiruvallur to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) is to be observed between October to December, relief amount has to be disbursed to the beneficiaries during the above said period as follows:-

Zone	Name of the Districts	Non Lean Months	Lean Months
I	Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram)	January to September	October to December
II	Kanyakumari	April to December	January to March
III	Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi	July to March	April to June

During the year 2017-18, 2,07,520 fishermen 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 National Fishermen Saving-cum-Relief Scheme amount to 2,17,900 marine fishermen during lean fishing period for the year 2018-19 as indicated below:-

S. N.	Description	No. of beneficiaries (in Nos.)	State Govt. contribution @ Rs.3000/- per fisherwomen (in Rs.)
1)	No. of marine fishermen benefitted during the year 2017-18	2,07,520	65,37,00,000/-
2)	Add: 5% increase (2,07,520 X 5% = 10,376 Nos.)	10,376	
3)	Total No. of marine fishermen	2,17,896/- rounded off to 2,17,900/-	
Total Amount to be sanctioned			65,37,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty five crore and thirty seven lakh only)			

6) Hence, the Director of Fisheries has requested the orders of the Government on the following:-

- i) to sanction a sum of Rs.65,37,00,000/- being the Governments' share towards disbursement of savings-cum-relief amount to 2,17,900 marine fishermen 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 fishermen beneficiaries along with the Governments' share amount during the respective lean fishing months as indicated in para 5 above.
- iii) to provide an additional amount of Rs.2,93,55,000/- in the Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation 2018-19 as a sum of Rs.62,43,45,000/- has been provided in Budget Estimate 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 fishermen beneficiaries of coastal districts through National Electronic Funds transfer by utilizing the services of IDBI / ICICI banks as approved in G.O.(Ms) No.285, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, dated: 04.11.2013.

7) In the letter second read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries have issued revised Administrative Approval for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution : Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries. In the Revised Administrative approval, the Government of India has limited, the total admissible Government subsidy (Central + State) to 40% of the project cost for general category beneficiaries and 60% of the project cost for weaker sections like Scheduled caste (SC) Scheduled Tribe (STs), Women and their co-operatives. Of the admissible subsidy, the Central : State share shall be as follows:-

a)	North East & Hilly States -	90% Central share & 10% State share
b)	Union Territories -	100% Central share
c)	Other States -	60% Central share & 40% State share

As per the Government of India administrative approval, the approved project cost for this scheme (i.e. National Savings-cum-Relief Scheme (NSCRS)) is Rs.4,500/- per beneficiary including beneficiary subscription and Government contribution. The details of pre-revised pattern of assistance and pattern revised by Government of India is as follows:-

National Savings cum Relief Scheme								
Pre-revised pattern of			Pattern Revised by GOI					
Assistance (common)			General Category (Rs.4,500) 40:60			SC/ST Category (Rs.4,500) 60:40		
GOI	GoTN	Beneficiary	GOI	GoTN	Beneficiary	GOI	GoTN	Beneficiary
1500	1500	1500	1080	720	2700	1620	1080	1800

Accordingly, the beneficiaries of General category will pay total subscription amount of Rs.2,700/- whereas the beneficiaries of SC/ST category will pay Rs.1,800/- being their contribution. Pertaining to Governments' share (both Central & State) the

liability to the Governments for General category will be Rs.1,800/- whereas the liability to the Governments for SC/ST category will be Rs.2,700/- towards subsidy amount. There is a huge difference in paying beneficiaries contribution amount and getting Government subsidy between General category and SC/ST category. This will lead to disparity in paying subscription amount between General category and SC/ST category. This may create anxiety among fishermen and also lead to difficulties in collection of contribution and maintaining account at field levels. Further, maintaining account towards collection of subscription amount and disbursement in two methods is difficult. This scheme is being implemented under Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an objective of providing financial support to the fishermen during lean fishing period. If the scheme is implemented under revised pattern of assistance, the spirit of the scheme will be defeated. The original design spirit of this scheme is to provide equal matching grant by both State and Central Governments to the subscription/savings being made by the fisherfolk to encourage and instill savings habit among the fishermen community. The contribution provided by the Government is in the form of matching grant than of subsidy in the original scheme which is now been changed as subsidy by Government of India. This change has increased the liability on the fisherfolk. The increased liability on fisherfolk and decreased matching grant provided by the Government will have substantial negative impact on the fisherfolk as they will face hardship to pay their increased subscription under revised pattern of assistance. The revised pattern of assistance is also expected to cause a great financial stress to the beneficiaries. To avoid disparity among the fishermen of General Category and SC/ST category while implementation of the scheme, the Director of Fisheries has suggested that the existing pattern of assistance may be adopted for this year (2018-19) also. The differential amount in view of the reduced matching grant from Government of India may be absorbed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly orders are issued according administrative approval for the above scheme during the year 2018-19 in the Government Order third read above, by retaining the beneficiaries share amount to Rs.1,500/-.

8) The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Fisheries at para 6 above carefully and have decided to accept it. Accordingly, sanction is accorded for a sum of Rs.62,43,45,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Crores Forty Three Lakhs and Forty Five Thousand only) being the Governments' share (both Central and State) for implementation of the National Savings-Cum-Relief Scheme to 2,08,115 Marine Fishermen beneficiaries during the year 2018-2019. Any additional amount required may be considered at the time of Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2018-19, if needed.

9) The Government also authorize the Director of Fisheries to draw and deposit the amount sanctioned in para 8 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 fishermen beneficiaries of coastal districts through NEFT (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 (FS-3) Department, dated 04.11.2013 and to release the subscription amount collected from the fishermen beneficiaries along with the Government share during the respective lean fishing months.

10) The amount sanctioned in para 8 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

2405 - 00 – Fisheries – 800 - Other Expenditure - Schemes shared between State and Centre – UA Relief scheme for Tamil Nadu Marine Fishermen during lean months – 11 - Subsidies - 01 Individual based subsidy. (D. P. C. 2405-00-800 UA 1117)

11) The Director of Fisheries is directed that any unspent amount kept in the bank account should be remitted in Government account with accrued interest thereon forthwith.

12) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 47701/AHDF/2018, 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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