



## **ABSTRACT**

Fisheries-Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Safety of fishermen at sea - Procurement and supply of Distress Alert Transmitters (DAT) to the 30,000 fishermen / fishing vessels during the year 2015-16 – Administrative and Financial sanction – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O(Ms)No.235

Dated.23.12.2015

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Read:-

1. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, letter No.33015-3/2007-Fy (H), Vol.II, dated.5.8.2014
2. Government letter No.17185/FS-3/2014-1, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated.26.9.2014
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, letter No.12014/1/2013-Fy(T-1), dated.29.7.2015
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, letter Rc.No.22398/J3/2015, dated.20.8.2015.

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## **ORDER:**

While moving the Demand for Fisheries on 15.09.2015, the Hon'ble Minister (Fisheries) has announced that "Distress Alert Transmitters" with 90% subsidy will be supplied to 1600 fishing vessels for the year 2015-16 at a cost of Rs.2.60 crore in the first phase.

2. In the letter first read above, the Government of India has accorded administrative approval for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations as Central Sector Scheme for the year 2014-2015. One among the components approved under the above said scheme is 'safety of Fishermen at Sea'. As per the administrative sanction, the Government of India is extending 75% subsidy assistance towards supply of various sea safety equipments including "Search and Rescue beacon" otherwise called Distress Alert Transmitter (DAT) to fishermen.

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3. In the Government letter second read above, a proposal was sent to Government of India for sanction of a sum of Rs.36.00 crore for the procurement and supply of 30,000 Distress Alert Transmitters to the fishermen / fishing vessels of the State under the said scheme. The Government of India has conveyed its approval to the above proposal under the component on 'safety of fishermen at sea' of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations during the year 2015-16, subject to certain terms and conditions, one of which being the sharing pattern of cost i.e., the Central assistance will be limited to 75% of unit cost of a Distress Alert Transmitters and the Department of Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu should ensure contribution of remaining 25% unit cost of the Distress Alert Transmitters. The Government of India has also released 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Central grant-in-aid of Rs.2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two crore only) for the above scheme.

4. In the letter fourth read above, the Commissioner of Fisheries has stated that while submitting the proposal to the Government, it has been proposed that Distress Alert Transmitters might be provided to the fishermen at subsidized cost, of which 75% of the subsidy amount shall be met out from Government of India funds and the balance 25% cost of the unit shall be provided as State Government share together with a minimal beneficiary contribution. The cost of Distress Alert Transmitters per unit is as detailed below:-

(i)	Unit cost of Distress Alert Transmitters (approximately)	Rs.	16,000.00
(ii)	Government of India contribution (75%)	Rs.	12,000.00
(iii)	Remaining 25% of cost of DAT (Rs.4000/-) shall be shared as		
	a. State Government contribution - 15% of cost of Distress Alert Transmitters	Rs.	2,400.00
	b. Beneficiary contribution – 10% of cost of Distress Alert Transmitters	Rs.	1,600.00

5. The Commissioner of Fisheries has further stated that to procure the Distress Alert Transmitter units, competitive bid would be called for from the firms through nationwide publicity and training would be imparted to the fishermen to operate the unit and requested the Government to provide contingency funds to meet these expenses as detailed below:-

<b>Contingency Expenditure:</b>			
1.	Advertisement Charges	Rs.	10,00,000.00
2.	Training to fishermen	Rs.	5,00,000.00
3.	Documentation	Rs.	3,00,000.00
4.	Other contingencies and sundry expenses	Rs.	2,00,000.00
	Total	Rs.	20,00,000.00

Thus the total financial commitment of State Government towards supply of Distress Alert Transmitters (DATs) to 1600 fishing crafts in the first phase works out to Rs.58.40 lakh as follows:-

(i)	State Governments Share @ 15% for 1600 units (Rs.2,400/- per unit)	Rs.	38,40,000.00
(ii)	Contingencies	Rs.	20,00,000.00
TOTAL		Rs.	58,40,000.00

6. The Commissioner of Fisheries has requested the Government to issue the following orders for implementing the scheme during the year 2015-2016:-

- (i) Administrative sanction for a total sum of Rs.48.00 crore for procurement and supply of Distress Alert Transmitters to 30,000 fishing crafts. In the first phase, Distress Alert Transmitter may be supplied to Mechanized fishing boats.
- (ii) Acceptance of State Government share as 15% of the cost of Distress Alert Transmitter.
- (iii) Approval for contingency expenditure of Rs.20.00 lakh for implementation of the scheme.
- (iv) Releasing a total sum of Rs.2.60 crore being 1<sup>st</sup> instalment amount (Central share) Rs.2.00 crore + State Government share – Rs.40.00 lakh + contingency expenditure – Rs.20.00 lakh)
- (v) Permission for implementation of the scheme through Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation Limited.

The Commissioner of Fisheries has also stated that modalities for implementing the scheme is being worked out and on finalizing the same would be submitted separately to Government for approval.

7. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Fisheries at para-6 above for Procurement and supply of Distress Alert Transmitters to the fishermen / fishing vessels of the State under the component on Safety of Fishermen at sea of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and post Harvest Operations, which is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme, during the financial year 2015-16 and accord administrative and financial sanction as follows:-

- (i) Administrative sanction for a total sum of Rs.48.00 crore (Rupees Forty eight crore only) for procurement and supply of Distress Alert Transmitters to 30,000 fishing crafts. In the first phase, 1600 Distress Alert Transmitters may be supplied to 1600 Mechanized fishing boats limited to the funds availability of Rs.2.3840 crore (Rupees Two crore thirty eight lakh and fourth thousand only) (Rs.2 crore from Government of India and Rs.38.40 lakh from Government of Tamil Nadu)
- (ii) Acceptance of State Government share of Rs.38.40 lakh (Rupees Thirty eight lakh and fourth thousand only) as 15% of the cost of Distress Alert Transmitters.

- (iii) Permission for implementation of the scheme through Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation Limited.
- (iv) Sanction of a sum of Rs.2.3840 crore (Rupees Two crore thirty eight lakh and forty thousand only) being 1<sup>st</sup> instalment amount (Central share Rs.2.00 crore + State share Rs.38.40 lakh) for the year 2015-2016.
- (v) The contingency expenditure of Rs.20.00 lakh (Rupees Twenty lakh only) for implementation of the scheme shall be met from Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation Limited funds.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para-7 above shall be debited to the following New head of account opened under Demand No.07 HOD:01.

2405-00-FISHERIES-103 Marine Fisheries-SCHEMES IN THE TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN-VI Schemes shared between State and Centre-UE Procurement and supply of Distress Alert Transmitters to Fishermen/Fishing vessels-II Subsidies-01 Individual Based Subsidy (DPC 2405 00 103 UE 1117)

9. The Commissioner of Fisheries is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above New head of account opened at para-8 above.

10. The Pay and Accounts / Treasury Officer concerned is requested to open the above New head of account in their accounts.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in Para-7 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of Legislature, the expenditure will be initially met from the advance drawn from Contingency Fund. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall apply for the sanction of Contingency Fund advance to Finance (BG-I) Department in the prescribed format along with the copy of this order at the appropriate time. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also directed to send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2015-2016, without fail.

12. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also requested to send the progress report / utilization certificate to Government fortnightly.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.69226/Finance(AH&F)/2015, dated.23.12.2015 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1707 (One thousand seven hundred and seven)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Secretary to Government

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