



ABSTRACT

Fisheries – State Scheme – Savings – Cum – Relief Scheme for Fisherwomen – Implementation during the year 2014-2015 – Sanction of Rs.36,00,00,000/- Orders – Issued.

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

G.O.(4D)No.3

Dated: 14.10.2014

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Read:

1. G.O.(4D)No.3, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (Fs-3) Department, dated.17.10.2013.
2. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries New Delhi, Letter No.F.12035/01/2014/FY(WU), Dated: 09.04.2014.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.199, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (Fs-3) Department, dated 22.09.2014.
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries Letter Rc. No. 41057/ J2/ 2013, dated 24.09.2014.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above orders were issued for sanctioning a total sum of Rs.22,07,49,600/- (Rupees twenty two crore seven lakh forty nine thousand and six hundred only) being the State Government relief amount for disbursement to the 1,83,958 No. of marine fisherwomen beneficiaries towards their contribution under Saving cum Relief scheme for the year 2013-14.

2. In the Letter second read above Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries have accorded administrative approval for implementation of the scheme of National Savings cum Relief scheme for fishermen for the year 2014-15. In the administrative approval, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries have enhanced the Government share relief amount from the existing Rs.1200/- to Rs.1800/- which will be equally shared by State & Central Government. Further, the contribution to be collected from marine fishermen has also been ordered to be collected as Rs.900/- in lieu of the existing Rs.600/-. The subscription amount of Rs.900/-

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would be collected from fishermen over a period of 9 months @ Rs.100/- per month. Thus, the total contribution of Rs.2700/- (Fishermen -Rs.900/- + State Government - Rs.900/- + Central Government - Rs.900/-) will be distributed to fishermen in 3 equal monthly installment 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 third read above, orders were issued for administrative approval for the implementation of Savings Cum Relief Scheme for marine fisherwomen under State Plan by adopting the revised pattern of funding and guidelines issued by the Government of India under this scheme for the year 2014-2015. As per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, there is no provision to collect the subscription amount in a Single instalment. However, in the present case considering delay in getting orders of the Government due to the Election Model code of conduct for General Elections 2014, that was in force and the revised administrative approval issued by Government of India on 09.04.2014 the Commissioner of Fisheries was permitted to collect the subscription amount in one lump sum pertaining to 10 districts (viz. Tiruvallur to Ramnad (including Rameswaram)) and for 6 months (i.e. April to September 2014) pertaining to Kanyakumari district as a special case and to permit the Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai to remit the fisherwomen subscription amount in the existing bank account of the Commissioner of Fisheries' maintained at IDBI / ICICI bank opened exclusive for this scheme. The fisherwomen subscription amount pertaining to the district of Thiruvallur, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur and Pudukottai would be remitted in IDBI bank and the subscription amount pertaining to Tiruvarur, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari district would be remitted in ICICI Bank. As per the norms of the Government of India the total contribution of Rs.2,700/-(fisherwomen contribution of Rs.900/-+ State Government contribution of Rs.1,800/) would be disbursed to the fisherwomen in 3 equal monthly installments of Rs.900/- each per month. The Commissioner of Fisheries was permitted to disburse the relief amount including both Government contribution and individual subscription in one lump sum in order to enable the fisher folk to utilise the assistance during the fishing lean season and Administrative approval 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 Government of India and also permit 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.

4. The Commissioner of Fisheries has informed that based on the orders issued by the Government the Assistant Directors of Fisheries concerned were instructed to take immediate action for enrollment of the marine fisherwomen under this scheme as per the revised pattern of assistance approved by the Government of India. 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 have to be disbursed to the beneficiaries during the above said period. The process of enrollment of fishermen beneficiaries under this scheme and finalization of eligible beneficiaries process will take nearly one month and after completing the formalities, exact number of fishermen enrolled could be ascertained and requirement of funds will be known. Hence, in order to avoid delay in relief disbursement, the Commissioner of Fisheries has submitted the following and requested necessary sanction of funds towards release of funds under Tamil Nadu Savings-cum-Relief scheme to eligible, marine fisherwomen beneficiaries of coastal districts.

5. The Commissioner of Fisheries has furnished the details of Non Lean Months and Lean Months observed in the 13 coastal districts in Tamil Nadu are as follows:-

| Zone | Name of the Districts | Non Lean Months (9 months) | Lean Months (3 months) |
|------|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) | January to September | October to December |
| | Kanyakumari | April to December | January to March |
| | Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi | July to March | April to June |

6. Further, the Commissioner of Fisheries has informed that it is anticipated that there will be a 10% increase in the No. of beneficiaries since the election to co-operative societies has been conducted and elected bodies has been newly formed and due to that new fisherwomen will be enrolled as a member of Fisherwomen Marine Co-operative Societies so as to get benefitted under this scheme. Hence, 10% anticipated increase may be added and sanction may be accorded for disbursement of Tamil Nadu Fisherwomen Savings -cum- Relief Scheme amount to 2,00,000 No. of marine fisherwomen during non fishing period for the year 2014-15 as furnished below:-

| Sl. No. | Description | No. of beneficiaries | State Government contribution @ Rs.1800/- per fisherwomen as per revised pattern of assistance |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 1) | No. of marine fisherwomen benefitted during the year 2013-14 | 1,80,000 | 36,00,00,000/- |
| 2) | Add: 10% increase (2,00,000 X 10/100 = 20,000 nos) | 18,000 | |
| 3) | Total No. of marine fisherwomen | 1,98,000- rounded off to 2,00,000- | |
| Total Amount to be sanctioned | | | 36,00,00,000/- |
| (Rupees thirty six crore only) | | | |

and also informed that a sum of Rs.2225.00 lakh have been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2014-15 under the above Head of Account for implementation of this scheme.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries has therefore requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.36,00,00,000/- (Rupees thirty six crore only) towards relief amount for disbursement of relief amount through National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) method to 2,00,000 marine fisherwomen beneficiaries towards their contribution under Tamil Nadu Savings-cum- Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen and to provide the balance amount of Rs.13.75 crore (Rupees Thirteen crore and seventy five lakh only) in the RE/FMA under above head of account for the year 2014-2015 and authorize her to draw and deposit the same in Personal Deposit / Savings Bank account being operated in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai and to disburse the relief amount to the beneficiaries of coastal districts through NEFT 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 4.11.2013 during its respective lean periods.

8. The Government after careful examination decided to accept the proposal of Commissioner of Fisheries at para-7 above and sanction 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 No. of marine fisherwomen beneficiaries towards their contribution under the Tamil Nadu Savings-cum-Relief scheme for the year 2014-2015 as per the guidelines stipulated in G.O. (Ms)No.199, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department, Dated: 22.9.2014.

9. The expenditure sanctioned in para-7 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

2405 00 Fisheries-800-Other Expenditure - Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – II State Plan – KD Relief Scheme for Tamil Nadu Marine Fisherwomen during lean months. 11- subsidies- 01 Individual based subsidy.
(DPC 2405-00-800 KD 1111)

10. A sum of Rs.2225.00 lakh has been provided in B.E.2014-2015. Necessary additional funds of Rs.13.75 crore will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2014-2015 to meet the expenditure sanctioned at Para-8 above. Pending provision of such funds, the Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para-8 above. However, this expenditure should be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2014-2015. The Commissioner of Fisheries is requested to include this expenditure sanctioned above, while sending budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2014-2015 and also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2014-2015 at appropriate time to Finance (AH&F/BG-1) Department without fail.

11. The Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para-8 above and to deposit the same in the Personal Deposit / Savings Bank account being operated in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries and to disburse the relief amount through NEFT to the beneficiaries by utilizing the IDBI / ICICI Bank respectively, during their respective lean periods strictly as per the revised pattern of funding and guidelines of Government of India.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.55767/Finance(AH&F)Department, dated 14.10.2014 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1322 (One thousand three hundred and twenty two)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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