



ABSTRACT

Fisheries – State Scheme - Savings-cum Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen – Administrative Approval – Enrolment of the Marine Fisherwomen and to collect subscription amount for implementation of the Scheme during the year 2019-20 – Orders – Issued.

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

G.O(Ms)No.90

Dated 15.07.2019

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050

விகாரி வருடம், ஆனி மாதம் 30-ம் நாள்

Read:-

1. G.O (Ms) No.146, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 25.07.2018.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.181, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 25.09.2018.
3. From the Director of Fisheries Letter Rc.No.512/ J2/2019, dated 11.01.2019

ORDER:

The Tamil Nadu Fisherwomen Savings cum Relief Scheme is an ongoing welfare scheme for marine fisherwomen and is being implemented in Tamil Nadu since 2003 onwards following the pattern of the scheme prescribed by the Government of India for marine fishermen. Later the scheme was implemented under State funds from 2006-07, adopting the pattern of assistance and other terms and conditions prescribed by the Government of India for the implementation of the Centrally sponsored National Savings cum Relief scheme for marine fishermen.

2. The scheme is being implemented as per the revised pattern of assistance from 2016-17. Under the scheme, the subscription amount of Rs.1500/- would be collected from fisherwomen over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- for 8 months and Rs.100/- for ninth month. The Government share of Rs. 3000/- will be borne by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Thus a total relief amount of Rs.4,500/- (Fisherwomen – Rs.1500/- + State Government – Rs.3000/-) will be distributed to the eligible fisherwomen in 3 equal monthly instalment during the fishing lean months (non fishing months) as adopted in the respective districts as detailed below:-

Zone	Name of the Districts	Non Lean Months (Fishing period)	Lean Months (Non-fishing period)
I	Chennai to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) (10 Districts)	January to September	October to December

II	Kanyakumari (1 district)	April to December	January to March
III	Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi	July to March	April to June

3. The Director of Fisheries has stated that though the Fisherwomen Savings Cum Relief Scheme is being implemented as State Scheme, the eligibility criteria prescribed by the Government of India for National Fishermen Savings Cum Relief Scheme is being followed with minor modification on their status of fishing, and that whenever the Government of India revised the pattern of assistance for National Fishermen Savings Cum Relief Scheme, the State Government have also revised the pattern of assistance for implementing Fisherwomen Savings cum Relief scheme which is a State scheme.

4. In the Government order first read above, orders were issued according administrative approval for implementation of Savings cum Relief Scheme for marine fisherwomen under State Plan during the year 2018-19 by adopting the pattern of assistance as followed during the year 2017-18.

5. In the Government order second read above, the Government have issued orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.59,65,00,000/- being the State Government's share for disbursement of savings-cum-relief amount to 1,98,833 marine fisherwomen beneficiaries for the year 2018-2019.

6. The Director of Fisheries in his letter third read above has reported that in accordance with the above Government orders, the sanctioned amount was drawn and deposited in SB A/cs maintained in IDBI and ICICI Bank, to disburse the amount to the fisherwomen beneficiaries through National Electronic Fund Transfer and Utilization certificate would be furnished to the Government on completion of scheme. Further the Director of Fisheries has requested the Government to issue necessary administrative orders for implementation of the scheme of Tamil Nadu Savings cum Relief scheme for marine fisherwomen for the year 2019-20, by adopting the existing pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India under this scheme and to permit the Director of Fisheries,

- i) to enroll the eligible marine fisherwomen and to collect total subscription amount of Rs.1500/- over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- per month for eight months and Rs.100/- in ninth month, as per the fishing months adopted in the respective districts.
- ii) To remit the subscription amount collected from the enrolled eligible beneficiaries directly in the bank account of the respective fisherwomen Co-operative Societies. The concerned fisherwomen 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 SB Accounts maintained in the name of Director of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI banks through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).

- iii) To adopt the comprehensive modalities framed for effective implementation of this scheme.
- iv) To permit the coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries to utilize the Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate obtained from the respective District Collectors for the old eligible fisherwomen beneficiaries, and to take action to obtain necessary Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate for the newly enrolled fisherwomen if any and the newly enrolled beneficiaries shall be included in the next year scheme i.e. 2020-21.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Fisheries have decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government accord administrative approval for implementation of the State scheme of Savings cum Relief scheme for Marine Fisherwomen for the year 2019-20, by adopting the existing pattern of assistance and the guidelines approved by Government of India and also accord permission to the Director of Fisheries on the following:-

- i) To enroll the eligible marine fisherwomen and to collect total subscription amount of Rs.1500/- over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- per month for eight months and Rs.100/- in ninth month, as per the fishing months adopted in the respective districts.
- ii) To collect the subscription amount for the first 6 months in one lumpsum pertaining to 10 Districts [viz.Tiruvallur to Ramnad (including Rameswaram)] and for 3 months (i.e., April to June 2019) pertaining to Kanniyakumari district as a special case. For the remaining districts (Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli) and remaining months, the subscription collection will be done as per the guidelines.
- iii) To remit the subscription amount collected from the enrolled eligible beneficiaries directly in the bank account of the respective fisherwomen Co-operative Societies or Assistant Director of Fisheries. The concerned fisherwomen 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 SB Accounts maintained in the name of Director of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI banks through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).
- iv) To adopt the comprehensive modalities framed for effective implementation of this scheme annexed to this order.

- v) To permit the coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries to utilize the Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate obtained from the respective District Collectors for the old eligible fisherwomen beneficiaries, and to take action to obtain necessary Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate for the newly enrolled fisherwomen if any and the newly enrolled beneficiaries shall be included in the next year scheme i.e. 2020-21.

8. The Director of Fisheries is requested to follow the existing guidelines for collection and remittance of the subscription amount.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.17321/AH&F/2019, dated 20.6.2019

(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, Chennai-9
The Coastal District Collectors concerned (13
Districts) through the Director of Fisheries ,
Chennai-35

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ANNEXURE
(G.O.(Ms)No. 90, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND
FISHERIES (FS-3) DEPARTMENT, DATED 15.07.2019)
COMPREHENSIVE MODALITIES FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS CUM
RELIEF SCHEME FOR MARINE FISHERWOMEN FOR THE YEAR
2019-2020

1. Eligible fisherwomen means, a person who is professionally engaged in fishing and allied activities and a member of Co-operative Society / Federation / Welfare societies lives below poverty line and is below 60 years of age. If any member of a 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 31.12.2018 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.i) 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; and
ii) the fisherwomen should upload their details for enrollment in the designated website through e-seva / Common service centre authorized by Tamil Nadu e-governance. The details of enrollment made through online should be ensured and checked by the concerned Assistant Director of Fisheries / Inspector of Fisheries / Sub Inspector of Fisheries and necessary authentication to be made.
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 fisherwomen 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 /Senior Inspector of Fisheries concerned should verify the genuineness of every application and certify the application.
5. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the coastal District concerned shall submit the list of fisherwomen beneficiaries newly enrolled under this scheme and get necessary Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate from the District Collector concerned.
6. 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 Directorate of Fisheries duly recommended with necessary certificates from the District Collector and the Regional Joint Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries.

7. 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.
8. 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 purpose in future.
9. Contribution by fisherwomen shall be Rs.1500/- per year.
10. The period of contribution is 9 months and the amount will be collected @ Rs.175/- per month for first eight months and remaining Rs.100/- in the ninth month.
11. The State Government contribution is Rs.3000/- .
12. The Total of Rs.4500/- (Fisherwomen contribution of Rs.1500/- + State Government contribution of Rs.3000/-) would be disbursed to the fisherwoman through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
13. Lean months are limited to only 3 months.
14. 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 Director of Fisheries on or before 10th of every succeeding month.
15. The Fishery Official should monitor the collection and deposition of the subscription amount every month.
16. 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.
17. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should ensure that under no circumstances, collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lumpsum and also that the money is not distributed to the fisherwomen in lumpsum unless exempted by the Government.
18. If a fisherwoman defaults in paying her contribution during the non-lean months, the State Government grant would be limited to the number of months for which she has actually subscribed and would be refunded to the fisherwoman in equal monthly installments during the lean months. The interest accrued should also be disbursed with the third installment.

19. 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).
20. The subscription for ninth month should be collected on or before tenth of the succeeding month and the disbursement amount applicable to the beneficiaries has to be updated in the master data immediately.
21. 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. The details of Aadhar number and Biometric ID number should be incorporated in the master data compulsorily.
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 Directorate 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 ADF, 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 ADF concerned should initiate enquiry under relevant sections of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983.

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