



Abstract

Fisheries – Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen – Revised Pattern of Saving –cum –Relief scheme in the State – Implementation during 2009-2010 – Orders – Issued.

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS3) Dept.

G.O.(D) No. 240

Dated. 31.8.09

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Read:

1. G.O.(D) No.60, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS3) Department. date. 16.3.09.
2. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, Letter. No. 52994/ J2/ 2008 date. 20.04.09.

ORDER:

Saving – cum – Relief Scheme is one of the components of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored National Fishermen Savings cum Relief Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen implemented in the State. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.75 /- is collected from the eligible Fishermen for a period of 8 months in a year. A total of Rs.600/- is collected for 8 months will be matched with 50% contribution i.e. Rs.300/- each by the State and Central Government separately. The total sum of Rs.1200/- collected will be distributed to the fishermen during the remaining lean month of non-fishing season, at the rate of Rs.300 per month. This scheme is being implemented in the State in thirteen Coastal Districts as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India.

2. In the G.O.(D) No. 60, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated. 16.3.09, orders were issued to collect a monthly subscription amount of Rs.75/- per month for a period of 8 months from the Marine Fishermen of 13 coastal districts of Tamil Nadu.

3. Now, the Government of India have enhanced the relief amount payable to fishermen during the lean period from Rs.1,200/- to Rs.1800/- without enhancing the fishermen contribution.

The modification made by the Government of India are as follows:-

1. Relief to be given to fishermen for 3 lean months (instead of 4 months)
2. Contribution by fishermen remains the same i.e. (Rs.600/-)
3. The period of contributions is 9 months.
4. The Central and State Government contribution is Rs.1200/- 50: 50 basis @ Rs.600/- each.
5. The total contribution of Rs.1800/- (Fishermen contribution-Rs.600 + Central Government contribution of Rs.600/- + State Government contribution of Rs.600/-) will be distributed to the fishermen in 3 equal monthly instalments at Rs.600/-each per month.
6. The President / Secretary of the Fishermen Association shall collect the beneficiary contribution and remit the same to the official concerned of the fisheries department.
7. The Fishery Official shall deposit the amount every month in a Nationalized Bank in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries.
8. The Commissioner of Fisheries, shall draw the amount during the lean months and distribute it to the beneficiaries, adding Centre and State's contribution in three equal instalments.
9. The State shall ensure that under no circumstances, collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lump sum and also the money is not distributed to the fishermen in one lump sum.
10. If a fisherman defaults in paying his contribution during the non-lean months, the Government's (both State and Central) matching grant will be limited to the number, for which he has actually subscribed and will be refunded to the fisherman, in equal instalments during the lean months. The interest accrued shall also be disbursed with the 3rd installment.
11. 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).
12. Lean months are limited to only 3 months.

4. The Commissioner of Fisheries, in his letter 2nd read above, has requested the Government to issue orders to permit him to implement the above revised scheme in the State 2009-2010 for fishermen.

- i) The President/ Secretary of the fishermen's Association is to collect the beneficiary contribution from each eligible member (as specified in the Government of India's letter No.12035/2/07 – FY WU dated 28.1.2009, member of the Fishermen Co-operative Societies/ below 60 years of age/ below Below Poverty Line who has no other income except

fishing) for a period of 9 months at the rate of Rs.70/- per month for eight months and Rs.40/- for the ninth month alone, in each district under the above scheme for 2009-2010.

- ii) The Coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries (Marine) is to open a new SB account in a Nationalized Bank in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries in each district to deposit the amount collected from the fishermen as beneficiary contribution.
- iii) Commissioner of Fisheries to delegate powers to the Assistant Directors of Fisheries (Marine) concerned to waive the default amount, if any paid by the fishermen beyond one month and twice during fishing season 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).
- iv) Commissioner of Fisheries to authorize the Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned to release the fishermen contribution remitted in the bank, along with contribution with Centre and State during the 3 lean months specified for Tamil Nadu viz.
 - a) October, November and December for 9 districts, from Tiruvallur to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) districts
 - b) January, February and March for Kanniyakumari district and
 - c) April, May and June for Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts.

The details of the revised scheme under 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' are as follows:-

Details	Existing Scheme	Revised Scheme
Beneficiaries Contribution	Rs.75x8=Rs.600/-	Rs.70x8=Rs.560 Rs.40x1=Rs. 40 ----- Rs.600
Period of Collection	8 months	9 months
Relief Payment period	4 months	3 months
Government of India's Share	Rs.300/-	Rs.600/-
State Govt.'s Share	Rs.300/-	Rs.600/-
Total Contribution	Rs.1,200/-	Rs.1,800/-
Relief Amount on lean Months	Rs.300x4=Rs.1200/-	Rs,600x3=Rs.1800/-

Total contribution of Rs.1200/- will be borne by the Centre and State on 50:50 basis.

- Interest should be given on the Fishermen's contribution of Rs.600/- on the 3rd instalment.

- v) Payment of bank interest amount accrued on the deposits of the fishermen contribution during the non lean months i.e. 9 months period to be paid to the beneficiary in the final instalment.
- vi) The Commissioner of Fisheries has also stated that:-
 - a) In anticipation of Government orders, he has instructed the Assistant Directors of Fisheries of coastal districts, to collect the beneficiary contribution at Rs.70 per month for eight months.
 - b) and Rs.40/- for the ninth month alone.
 - c) Collected contribution to be deposited in the SB, account before 10th of every succeeding month.
 - d) The amount collected up to April '09 to be remitted in one lump sum in May '09.
 - e) The modalities to be followed have been enclosed in his letter.

5. The proposal of Commissioner of Fisheries in para 4 above is accepted by the Government. The Commissioner of Fisheries is permitted to collect Rs.600/- from fishermen during the non lean season as stated in para 4 above. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also allowed to follow the modalities prescribed, in his letter for the purpose. The interest should be given on the fishermen contribution of Rs.600/- on the 3rd instalment.

6. The action of Commissioner of Fisheries in having directed the Assistant Director concerned of coastal districts to collect the beneficiary contribution at Rs.70/- per month for eight months and Rs.40/- for the ninth month and deposit the same in the name of Commissioner of Fisheries, in anticipation of orders of Government is ratified as a special case in view of urgency.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para- 5 above to the beneficiaries strictly as per the guidelines of Government of India.

8. The additional expenditure on the revised scheme sanctioned above shall be on an item of "New Instrument of Service" and the approval of the legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature the expenditure will be initially met by an advance from the Contingency Fund for which orders will be issued by Finance (BG-I) Department.

9. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall calculate the immediate requirement of funds (for the month of October' 09 to December' 09) till it is approved by the Legislative by inclusion in the supplementary Estimate for 2009-10 and apply in the prescribed form along with the sanction orders, for the sanction of contingency fund advance. The Commissioner of Fisheries, shall also send necessary proposal to Finance Department for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate and for 2009-10.

10. The Commissioner of Fisheries is directed to send the utilization Certificate to the Government of India in the prescribed format as soon as disbursement is over.

11. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 4813 dated 22.08.2009, and ASL No. 618 (Six hundred and eighteen).

(By Order of the Governor)

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