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To

The Director of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack

Sub:- Guidelines for Input Assistance to Women Self-Help Groups for Pisciculture in Gram Panchayat Tanks under State Plan during 2021-22 to 2023-24.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith the approved guidelines for introduction of the new State Plan Scheme 'Input Assistance to Women Self-Help Groups for Pisciculture in Gram Panchayat Tanks' for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 9904, Dt. 11.08.2021

Copy along with copy of the approved guidelines forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Govt., PR & DW Deptt. for kind information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

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Special Secretary to Government

Guidelines for Input Assistance to Women Self-Help Groups for Pisciculture in Gram Panchayat Tanks under State Plan during 2021-22 to 2023-24

1.0 Background:

Odisha is endowed with vast inland fishery resources and if harnessed to the sustainable optimal levels, it can bring about significant increase in fish production. This will provide ample income generating avenues to the farmers, fishers, youth and women. The Odisha Fisheries Policy-2015, envisages to increase the fish production in the State by horizontal and vertical expansion of aquaculture. Over the last 5 years, the freshwater fisheries sector grew consistently with about 12% CAGR; while the freshwater fish production and productivity reached 5.75 lakh MT and 4.30 MT/Ha, respectively.

There are about 64,000 Gram Panchayat tanks in the State, with a water spread area of 59,343 Ha. Majority of these community tanks are underutilized and the way forward is to utilize these vast GP tanks for fish production in a socially equitable and environmentally sustainable way. During 2018, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department brought out an enabling policy to grant long term lease of GP tanks (3-5 years) to women self-help groups (WSHGs) for pisciculture activities. Thereafter, the State Plan scheme 'Input assistance to women Self-Help-Groups for pisciculture in Gram Panchayat tanks' was also introduced by Fisheries & ARD Department, during 2018-19, with active convergence from Mission Shakti Department and Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department. During last 3 years, around 5175 Ha of GP tanks were brought under this scheme benefitting nearly 6000 WSHGs.

Based on the tremendous response received from the WSHGs in implementing the scheme, it has now been decided to extend the scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 and to take up additional 6,000 Ha of GP Tanks.

2.0 Aim & Objectives of the scheme:

1. To utilize the Gram Panchayat tanks for pisciculture by providing income generation opportunity for local WSHGs.
2. To increase the inland fish production of the State.

3.0 Strategy:

- i. The scheme will provide input assistance for undertaking pisciculture in 6000 Ha water spread area of GP Tanks, by long term leasing of the tanks to the WSHGs.

- ii. The scheme will be implemented in all 30 districts of the State.
- iii. The field level officials of the Directorate of Fisheries and Department of Mission Shakti will jointly select the WSHGs and identify GP tanks with active coordination of Block Development Officer for the assistance.

4.0 Target beneficiaries:

The existing and suitable WSHGs under the Department of Mission Shakti from all 30 districts will be eligible to be covered under this scheme. Approximately 6,000 WSHGs will be targeted for the period from 2021-22 to 2023-24.

5.0 Unit cost and pattern of assistance:

The unit cost towards various inputs taking up pisciculture activities in GP tanks is Rs. 1.50 lakh/Ha which includes cost of fish/prawn seed and feed. The subsidy assistance of 60% i.e. Rs.0.90 lakh/Ha will be provided to WSHGs towards costs of the inputs under this scheme, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Components	Units	Unit Cost (Rs)	WSHG Contribution (Rs)	Subsidy (Rs)	Total Cost (Rs)
1	Pond Dyke repair, de-weeding and sludge removal	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
2	Water Management Cost (Water pumping, Fertilisers, Lime)	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
3	Advanced IMC fingerlings (50-100 g size) including transportation	2700 nos	12.50	-	33,750	33,750
4	Mola / Minor Carp / Prawn seed	25kg	400.00	-	10,000	10,000
5	Formulated pellet feed (28% crude Protein and 3% Fat) (@FCR 1:1.1)	2700 kg	32	40,150	46,250	86,400
6	Farm labour and Harvesting Cost LS	-	-	9,850	-	9,850
	Total Operational Cost			60,000	90,000	1,50,000

6.0 Scheme Outlay:

The details of financial outlay under the scheme over three years from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is mentioned below.

Sl.	Project component	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		Total	
		Target (in Ha.)	Funds required (Rs. in lakh)	Target (in Ha.)	Funds required (Rs. in lakh)	Target (in Ha.)	Funds required (Rs. in lakh)	Target (in Ha.)	Funds required (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Subsidy assistance @ Rs. 0.90 Lakh/ Ha	2000	1800.00	2000	1800.00	2000	1800.00	6000	5400.00
2.	Project Implementation cost (@2%)	-	36.00	-	36.00	-	36.00	-	108.00
	Total	2000	1836.00	2000	1836.00	2000	1836.00	6000	5508.00

Subsidy component for WSHG	:	Rs. 5400.00 Lakh
Project Implementation cost	:	Rs. 108.00 Lakh
Total State Plan Assistance	:	Rs. 5508.00 Lakh

Implementation modalities:

1. Directorate of Fisheries will allocate the district wise physical and financial target under the scheme based on the potentiality and feasibility, in consultation with Department of Mission Shakti.
2. The scheme will be implemented under direct supervision of the District Fisheries Officers (DFOs) and the block level targets will be allocated in coordination with the District Project Coordinator of Department of Mission Shakti based on the potential and feasibility in each block.
3. Assistant Fisheries Officer (AFO) in coordination with Block Mission Shakti Coordinator and Panchayat Executive Officer will identify the G.P tanks in each GP for providing long term lease to selected WSHG.
4. The WSHGs which were already supported under this scheme or any other similar scheme shall not be eligible to avail subsidy again.

5. The GP tanks should be provided long term lease for at least 5 years, as per guidelines issued by PR&DW Department vide letter No. 10943 dated 08.06.2018, so that the WSHGs can undertake extended planning and investments for pisciculture activity.
6. The AFO shall also identify those GP tanks which are currently in derelict condition and can be brought under pisciculture, after necessary renovation. The list of such GP tanks will be submitted to the Block Development Officer (BDO) to take up renovation work under MGNREGS, so that these tanks can be taken up for pisciculture production in the coming years.
7. The community tanks under the jurisdiction of Urban Local Authorities like Municipal Corporation, Municipalities and NACs which can be leased out to WSHGs on long-term basis, shall also be covered under this scheme.
8. The WSHGs to be tagged with the selected GP tank will apply for long-term lease along with the following documents before the Sarpanch of the concerned G.P.
 - a. Resolution of the WSHG for availing the GP tank on long-term lease
 - b. Photocopy of the updated Bank Pass Book of the WSHG
 - c. Copy of the Gradation Certificate issued by OLM/ Mission Shakti
9. On receipt of all documents, GP will pass a resolution for consideration of the long-term lease to the WSHGs. Thereafter the Sarpanch of the concerned G.P will submit the GP Resolution with all necessary documents to the BDO.
10. BDO will submit the proposal before Sub-Collector/Collector for according Long-term lease of GP tanks in favour of the WSHGs.
11. The lease agreement will be executed by BDO on payment of prescribed lease value.
12. The DFO and AFOs shall follow up with the Block and District level authorities for facilitating long term lease of GP ponds to the WSHGs.
13. Wherever possible, one GP tank should be identified in each block for production of advanced fingerlings (50-100 gram size) which will meet the fish seed demand of nearby GP tanks on Cluster approach.
14. A District Level Committee (DLC) chaired by District Collector will guide and supervise the implementation of the scheme. The members of the DLC will include Sub Collector, District Project Coordinator of Mission Shakti and District Panchayat Officer. The District Fisheries Officer will be the Member Secretary. The DLC will monitor the leasing of GP tanks to WSHGs and approve the list of SHGs to be supported under the scheme.



15. WSHGs who have already taken assistance from OMBADC, OIIPCRA and other schemes cannot be covered under this scheme.
16. The stocking of the fish fingerlings under the scheme should be done mandatorily in the presence of the AFO, Block Mission Shakti Coordinator, Sarpanch and WSHG members.
17. Geo tagged photographs of the GP tanks along with the WSHG members covered under this scheme will be documented by the AFO and uploaded in the online Decision Support System (DSS) portal.
18. The Unit Cost under this scheme is Rs. 1.50 Lakh/Ha, which includes the cost of fish/Mola/Exotic Major carp / freshwater prawn seed and feed including packing and transportation charges. The subsidy assistance under this scheme shall be limited to 60% of the actual cost incurred, limited to Rs. 0.90 Lakh/Ha.
19. It is mandatory to release the subsidies under the scheme through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The WSHG will produce the bills / vouchers of the inputs certified by the Block level AFO and proportionate subsidy (@60%) will be released by the DFO to the Bank account of the WSHG. The subsidy will be released in two stages:
 - a. Upon completion of stocking of advanced fish fingerlings in GP tank
 - b. Upon procurement of feed
20. Project Implementing Cost (PIC) should be utilized for monitoring and supervision of the same scheme.
21. Block level trainings for the WSHGs will be organized by the District Project Coordinator of Mission Shakti and the trainings will be conducted by Assistant Fisheries Officer and monitored by the concerned District Fisheries Officer.
22. The monthly progress report on implementation of the scheme will be uploaded in the online DSS portal.
23. The list of WSHGs covered under the scheme with location of the GP tanks will be uploaded in the website of the Directorate of Fisheries.

Project Management, Monitoring and Supervision

A State Level Monitoring Committee will be constituted at Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha under Chairmanship of the Director of Fisheries, Odisha. The committee members are:

- Director of Fisheries (Chairman)
- Additional Director (Technical)



- Joint Director (Inland)
- Joint Director (Planning and Training)
- Deputy Director (Inland)

The Monitoring Committee will meet once in a month to monitor and review the progress of scheme implementation. Progress of the works of the DFOs will be reviewed by the Committee for suggestion and necessary guidance.

The District Fisheries Officers and Assistant Fisheries Officers shall regularly supervise the scheme implementation including progress of selection of GP Tanks, identification and tagging of WSHG, stocking of fish seed, training and capacity building of the WSHGs, release of subsidy etc. The Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of the Directorate of Fisheries will undertake field visits at regular intervals to monitor and supervise of the scheme implementation.

Implementation Timeline:

The timeline for implementation of the project will be for three years i.e. from 2021-22 to 2023-24.

Activities	Activities during each year (from 2021-22 to 2023-24)								
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-April
District-wise targets fixed by the Directorate of Fisheries	█								
Selection of G.P. Tanks in consultation with DPC/BPC Mission Shakti & tagging to WSHGs	█	█							
Completion of long-term lease process	█	█	█						
Preparation of Tanks by WSHG		█	█						
Training imparted to WSHGs at Block Level		█	█	█					
Stocking of Fingerlings				█	█				
Grow-out management					█	█	█	█	█
Fish harvesting									█