

GUIDELINES FOR STATE SECTOR UMBRELLA SCHEME "MMKY-LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO MARINE FISHERMEN DURING FISHING BAN PERIOD" FOR THE FY: 2023-24

1. BACKGROUND

Odisha is a Maritime State having six numbers of Coastal Districts with a coastline of 480 kms. About 5.18 lakh of marine fishers belonging to 1.15 lakh families solely depend on fishing for their livelihood. The fishermen of Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur districts are adversely affected due to fishing ban for Sea Turtle protection for seven months i.e from 1st November to 31st May (both day inclusive) every year along with Uniform ban from 15th April to 14th June (61 days). Besides the fishermen of Kendrapara District facing a ban period round the year due to Gahiramatha Wildlife Sanctuary which stretches along the entire Coastline of the Kendrapara District . Govt. in F & ARD Deptt. has introduced the State Plan Scheme "Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen during Fishing Ban Period since FY 2016-17. It has been decided in the SFC meeting held on 01.11.2022, that the financial assistance amounting to Rs 15,000/- will be provided to each effected marine fishermen families each year during the year 2022-23 & 2023-24. The guideline to implement the scheme "MMKY - Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen During Fishing Ban Period" is as follows.

2. AREA OF OPERATION


The Scheme shall be implemented in Marine Districts of Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam along the Coastline of Odisha where the marine Fishers who are affected due to ban in fishing round the year at Gahiramatha Marine Sanctuary, Bhitarkanika National park and adjoining areas of Devi River mouth and Rushikulya River Mouth for conservation of Sea Turtle Olive Ridley.

3. ASSISTANCE

Only one member of the affected families shall be assisted with Rs 15,000/- annually under the scheme. The amount shall be paid to the eligible beneficiaries in one installment.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF THE BENEFICIARIES

The following are the eligibility criteria of the beneficiary

- i. The beneficiary must be an active Marine Fishermen.
 - ii. The assistance will be provided to only one member of a family on behalf of family.
 - iii. The beneficiary must be in the age of group of 18-70 years.
 - iv. He must be a local fishermen of Odisha affected by the fishing ban having proper RoR/ Patta and Aadhar card.
 - v. Must have aadhar linked bank account in his / her name in the state of Odisha.
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- vi. He must be boat owner (Motorized Boat)/ a crew member of Motorized Boat / Fish trader/ engaged in sorting, grading of Fish and other ancillary activities. **The non-motorized boat owner ,crew members& ancillary worker adjoining to Bhitarkanika (Gahirmatha sanctuary) who are deprived from fishing inside the sanctuary area are also included for assistance under the scheme.**
- vii. The Fishers should preferably belong to BPL Category i.e covered under the national Food Security Act (NFSA) and not belong to the automatically excluded household under socio economic and caste census (SECC)-2011.
- viii. If the fisherman is a Boat Owner, he must have valid registration (Real Craft) and valid fishing license.
- ix. If the fisherman is a crew member, he must work in a registered Fishing boat having valid up to date fishing license and will produced a certificate from the boat owner in this respect.
- x. If the fisherman is Fish trader / engaged in sorting, grading of Fish and other ancillary activities he must produce a certificate from a registered boat owner in this respect.
- xi. Preference of selection of beneficiaries shall be undertaken in the order of (1) Boat Owner (2) Crew member of fishing boat (3) workers engaged in sorting, grading and other ancillary activities.

5. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

- i. The scheme will be implemented by the Director of Fisheries, Odisha represented through the Additional Fisheries Officers (Marine) of concerned district.
- ii. The Fishermen shall apply in the prescribed format devised by the Department to the Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) of the district through the concerned Assistant Fisheries Officers (ME Unit)/ SFTA/ JFTA. (Copy of the application form along with check list enclosed at **Annexure-I**).
- iii. The applicant shall attach the photo copy of the required documents along with the application and show the original document at the time of submission of the application to the designated Receiving and Verifying Officer i.e. AFO Marine Extension unit.
- iv. Soon after receipt of application forms the Receiving and Verifying Officer i.e. Assistant Fisheries Officer Marine Extension unit shall scrutinize the application & submit the same after due verification of Aadhaar, RoR/ Patta (Proof of local fishermen) to the Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine).
- v. A District Level Committee will be formed for finalization of beneficiary list under the Chairmanship of Sub- Collector (Concerned district) along with Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) as a member convener for finalization of the beneficiaries list. The other members of the committee are Tahasildar, Representative of Forest, Environment and Climate change Department, PRI Member and representative & Office bearers of concerned marine PFCS.
- vi. The Committee of the concerned district will approve the applications after necessary cross check made at their level and recommend for release of assistance. The final list of the beneficiaries to be prepared by Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) and submit to Directorate for uploading in the website.
- vii. The respective Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) shall release the assistance amount to the beneficiaries through DBT.

- viii. The Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) shall submit a monthly progress report on the implementation of the scheme to the Director of Fisheries, Odisha Cuttack through online Decision Support System (DSS) portal of the Department. Director Fisheries shall develop a portal for online registration, verification and payment in future through DBT.
- ix. District official can enhance it up to 25% of their allocated target and district officials are free to reallocate block targets as per demand (Lt. 883/FARD dt 21.1.23) with due approval of DLC as mentioned in 6V.

6. MONITORING AND SUPERVISION

The Deputy Director of Fisheries (Marine), Joint Director of Fisheries (Coastal) and Additional Director of Fisheries (Technical) shall supervise the implementation of the scheme.



Annexure-I

Application Form for "Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen during Fishing Ban Period of the State Plan Scheme

- 1) Name of the Applicant _____
2) Father's/Husband's Name _____
3) Gender _____
4) Age _____
5) Address _____

Passport Size
Photo

(Self Attested)

Village: _____ G.P: _____

Post: _____ Block: _____

District: _____ PIN: _____

- 6) Mobile No.(Aadhaar linked mandatory): _____
7) Aadhaar Number of the Applicant: _____
8) Category(Gen/SC/ST/OBC): _____
9) Occupation:

Boat Owner	
Crew Member	
Fish Traders	
Ancillary Fishery Worker	
Dry Fish Producer/Trader	

10) Whether the Applicant is a Boat Owner? (Yes / No) if yes then.

- i. The Registration No. of Boat. _____
ii. Validity of the License. _____
iii. Name of the Boat. _____
iv. Name of ME unit _____

11) Whether the Applicant is working as Fishermen on the Boat? (Yes / No) if yes then.

- i. Name of the Boat Owner. _____
ii. The Registration No. of Boat. _____
iii. Validity of the License. _____
iv. Name of the Boat. _____
v. Name of ME unit _____

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12) If the Applicant is engaged in other Fisheries Business, mentioned the details. _____

13) Whether the Applicant is a member of Primary Marine Fishing Co-operative Society (PMFCS)? (Yes / No)

14) If yes then mention the Name of Co-operative Society and Address. _____

15) The Annual income of the Family: _____

16) Whether the applicant has availed assistance in National Food Security Law? (Yes / No)

If yes then the number of BPL/Ration Card. _____

17) Whether the applicant is included as an Automatically Excluded Household according to Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC- 2011)? (Yes / No)

18) Bank Details of the Applicant

- i. Name of the Bank _____
- ii. Name of the Branch _____
- iii. Account No. _____
- iv. IFSC Code _____

19) The List of self attested documents to be attached to include under the scheme.

- a) Photocopy of Aadhaar Card ☐
- b) Photocopy of Voter I Card. ☐
- c) Photocopy of Ration Card. ☐
- d) Photocopy of the Registration Certificate of the Boat. ☐
- e) Photocopy of the Fishing License Certificate. ☐
- f) Certificate of Boat Owner, while working as a Crew Member/other activities ☐
- g) Photocopy of 1st page of Bank Passbook. ☐

I Sri/Smt. _____ Son/Wife of _____

Village _____ Post. _____ PS. _____

Block _____ Dist. _____ do hereby declare that

the above facts are true and collect to best of my knowledge. If this information is proved false, I / my family will be excluded from this scheme or punished according to law.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature of the applicant



CERTIFICATE FOR BOAT CREW MEMBER

This is to certify that Shri _____ S/o _____
residing at _____, Po: _____, Ps _____,
Block: _____, District: _____ is engaged as crew
member in my Boat _____ with Registration number _____,
since _____. The boat is registered at _____ Marine Extension
unit and the Fishing license of my boat is valid till _____.

Signature of Boat Owner

Verified by

Assistant Fisheries Officer (Marine Extension Unit)

Certificate for fishers engaged in Sorting , Grading, and Ancillary activities

This is to certify that Shri _____ S/o _____
residing at _____, Po: _____, Ps _____,
Block: _____, District: _____ procure fish/ _____
from my boat with Registration number _____ with valid fishing license
till _____ and is registered at _____ Marine Extension unit and is
engaged in _____ activity at _____.

Signature of Boat Owner

Verified by

Assistant Fisheries Officer (Marine Extension Unit)

