

GUIDELINES FOR STATE SECTOR UMBRELLA SCHEME "MMKY- INPUT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR TAKING UP FISH FARMING IN FARM PONDS" FOR THE FY 2023-24

1. INTRODUCTION

Farm Ponds are being developed in the State under MGNREGS by the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development Mission wherein beneficiaries belonging to small/ marginal farmer category are provided with full financial support for excavation of the pond in their own farm land. These ponds have high potential to be used for raising both fish fingerlings and growing marketable size fish, basing on water retention capacity. During the FY 2023-24 it is targeted to provide Input assistance to 10,750 farmers, who have excavated farm ponds under MGNREGA through the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development Mission for facilitating production of Fingerling and fish, under this scheme by F& ARD Department.

2. OBJECTIVE

- To increase the inland fish production.
- To enhance the income of farmers in the State through aquaculture.

3. TARGET

- During the FY2023-24, approximately 10,750 farmers will be targeted for providing Input Assistance for taking up fish farming in farm ponds, covering around 430 Ha water spread area.
- The district wise target will be communicated by the Director of Fisheries.
- Depending on the feasibility and actual area developed, the DFOs can re-allot the targets within the district.


4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The scheme shall be implemented by the Directorate of Fisheries through its field functionaries all over the State with the budget provision made under the State sector umbrella scheme "Input Assistance to Farmers for taking up Fish Farming in Farm Ponds" under MMKY.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARIES

- i. Must be a resident of Odisha.
- ii. Must have a bank account in his/her name in the State of Odisha.
- iii. The Farm ponds excavated by beneficiaries under various Government schemes including Watershed Development Projects & MGNREGA through the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development will be eligible for availing support for stocking of fingerlings under this scheme.
- iv. While availing subsidy, beneficiary family will be considered instead of individual member of family. One beneficiary family should not be provided with multiple benefit under one particular scheme. A family will not be eligible for subsidy under the same scheme if any of its members has got subsidy during last two years.

(The list of such new farm pond suitable for pisciculture shall be provided by the field functionaries of the Directorate of Soil conservation and Watershed Development
(Annexure-I)



6. TYPE OF FARM POND WITH UNIT COST AND PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE:

The farm ponds of following dimensions are generally excavated by Farmers with Govt. assistance through Directorate of Soil Conservation & WD. Input Assistance towards Pisciculture will be provided by F & ARD Department @ 40% for General and 60% for SC/ST/Women/Transgender/PWD category of farmers towards cost of seed, feed, fertilizers, lime etc. on the Unit cost of **Rs 4.00 lakh /Ha** shall be provided. However, the subsidy shall be released basing on the actual water area of the Farm Pond developed by the farmer.

| Model | Specification of Farm Pond | Seed | Feed | Other input (fertiliser, lime, pro/pre/grow biotics, Vit-min mix, disinfectant, medicines, castnet etc. | Unit Cost (Rs) | Subsidy Assistance (Rs.) | |
|-------|----------------------------|------|-------|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | | General (40%) | SC/ST/Women/Transgender-PWD (60%) |
| 1 | 20m x 20m | 2400 | 10800 | 2800 | 16000 | 6400 | 9600 |
| 2 | 15m x 15m | 1350 | 6075 | 1575 | 9000 | 3600 | 5400 |
| 3 | 10m x 10m | 600 | 2700 | 700 | 4000 | 1600 | 2400 |

(Farmers are free to stock more seed as per their choice for seed raising purpose)

- The certificate of identity as transgender person issued by District Magistrate as per "The Transgender persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 will be accepted for transgender category.
- For PWD the certificate of disability issued by certifying authority/ competent authority indicating 40% or more disability as per "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 will be acceptable."
- However, in case Government in F & ARD Department approve any enhancement of subsidy pattern that shall also be applicable for these beneficiaries who have received Go-ahead letters during F.Y 2023 -24
- The farm Ponds selected under this scheme should have minimum 5 feet water depth and the pond should have sufficient water retaining capacity for minimum 5 months of culture period.
- The assistance shall be given to the farmer as a one-time support.
- The assistance shall be limited to 0.5 Ac Water spread area per beneficiary.

7. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

- i. The list of farm pond suitable for pisciculture (Fish seed rearing/Grow-out Fish Production) in each block shall be provided by the Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (ASCO) to the respective Assistant Fisheries Officer(AFO) at the Block level or the block wise list can be obtained from PD watershed at the District level (in **Annexure-I**) and circulated to AFOs for further verification.
- ii. The AFO in coordination with the ASCO shall mobilize the beneficiaries who are interested to avail subsidized fish seed under this scheme to collect the application form as shown at **Annexure-II**.
- iii. The AFO will take 4 geo-tagged photo of the farm pond (including one with farmer) and finalize the list of applications & recommend the feasible farm pond to District Fisheries Officer (DFO)
- iv. DFO will share the list of farm pond to be assisted with the PD, Watershed/Assistant Director of Soil Conservation.
- v. Only those farm ponds having water retention capacity for minimum 5 months period & feasible for aquaculture will be identified & selected under the scheme. The farm ponds selected under this scheme should have minimum 5 Feet water depth during the culture period.
- vi. The DFO shall issue Go-ahead letter (**Annexure-III**) to the concerned beneficiary for stocking of fingerlings.
- vii. The fingerlings shall be procured by the beneficiaries from Govt./OPDC managed Fish seed farms/ any other private hatcher /seed grower farm of the locality only as per clarification vide lt.no. 16942 dt. 24.12.21 of DoF in this regard.
- viii. The AFO in charge of the block shall prepare a schedule for stocking of fish seed in advance & intimate the ASCO concerned.
- ix. The AFO/ any other fisheries field functionaries to ensure fish seed stocking in the farm pond & take Geo-tagged photographs and certify stocking of fish seed in farm pond.
- x. The AFO will forward the receipt towards purchase of fish seed from Government/OPDC Farm /other private hatcheries/seed growers along with the joint certificate regarding stocking of fish seed to the DFO.
- xi. Upon receipt of the documents, vouchers towards inputs(as per unit cost mentioned in MPY i.e. Seed-60000/-, feed-270000/- and other inputs- 70000/- per ha) the subsidy shall be released by the DFO as per actuals to the bank account of the beneficiary through DBT/NEFT/RTGS.

- xii. District official can enhance the 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).
- xiii. The AFOs /DFOs should facilitate credit linkage from banks to the beneficiary for availing loans as per the requirement of the beneficiary in Bank Finance case.
- xiv. A complete database shall be uploaded by the DFO to the DSS portal

8. TRAINING & AWARENESS

The District Fisheries Officers shall conduct one day training and awareness programme for skill up-gradation of the beneficiaries.

9. TIMELINE

| Sl. | Activity | TimeLine | Responsible Person |
|-----|---|--|--------------------|
| 1. | Submission of the application to block Level Office | July | Beneficiary |
| 2. | Initial scrutinization of application and submission of Field Feasibility report. | Within 15 days of receipt of application. | AFO |
| 3. | Issue of Go-Ahead in favor of the beneficiary basing on the feasibility report. | Within 15 days of receipt of field verification report. | DFO |
| 4. | Field inspection of the farm pond after stocking of fingerling by beneficiary. | Within 15 days of receipt of intimation from the beneficiary regarding completion of stocking process. | AFO & DFO |
| 5. | Release of Subsidy to the beneficiary through DBT. | Within 15 days of completion of joint inspection. | DFO |

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ANNEXURE-I

List of Farm Pond of Odisha (to be submitted by PD, SC)

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PD, Watershed

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Application Format for Pisciculture in Farm Ponds under MMKY

| Sl. No. | Information to be provided | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Name of the beneficiary: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Address: Village: _____ Gram panchayat: _____ Block: _____ Mobile No.: _____ (Aadhaar linked Mandatory) Aadhar No. _____ (Photocopy of Aadhar to be attached) Bank Account Details: Name of the Bank _____ IFS Code _____ Account No. _____ (Attach 1 st page Xerox copy of S/B account) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Category of the beneficiary- SC/ST/Women/General/Transgender/PWD _____ (in case of SC/ST beneficiary caste certificate may be attached) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Water Area of the Pond: Length _____, Breadth _____, Depth _____ (in mtr) Area _____ (Sq.m) _____ (in Ha.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Water retention capacity of Pond _____ (4 months/ 6 months/ Round the year) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Type of Pisciculture to be taken up by Beneficiary: (Put ✓ mark on the selected model) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Model-1 : Grow out in seasonal tank (6 months)</th></tr> <tr> <th>Seed stocking in following size pond</th><th>20 gm size IMC</th><th>Minor carps</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20m x 20m</td><td>240 nos.</td><td>100 nos.</td></tr> <tr> <td>15m x 15m</td><td>120 nos.</td><td>25 nos.</td></tr> <tr> <td>10m x 10m</td><td>60 nos.</td><td>25 nos.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Model-2 : Grow out in perennial tank (12 months)</th></tr> <tr> <th>Seed stocking in following size pond</th><th>20 gm size IMC</th><th>Minor carps</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20m x 20m</td><td>400 nos.</td><td>100 nos.</td></tr> <tr> <td>15m x 15m</td><td>200 nos.</td><td>50 nos.</td></tr> <tr> <td>10m x 10m</td><td>100nos.</td><td>25 nos.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Model-1 : Grow out in seasonal tank (6 months) | | | Seed stocking in following size pond | 20 gm size IMC | Minor carps | 20m x 20m | 240 nos. | 100 nos. | 15m x 15m | 120 nos. | 25 nos. | 10m x 10m | 60 nos. | 25 nos. | Model-2 : Grow out in perennial tank (12 months) | | | Seed stocking in following size pond | 20 gm size IMC | Minor carps | 20m x 20m | 400 nos. | 100 nos. | 15m x 15m | 200 nos. | 50 nos. | 10m x 10m | 100nos. | 25 nos. |
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| Model-3 : Paddy field (Paddy-cum-Pisciculture) | | |
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| Seed stocking in following size pond | Advanced fingerling (80mm – 100mm size) IMC | Minor carps |
| 20m x 20m | 800 nos. | 100 nos. |
| 15m x 15m | 400 nos. | 50 nos. |
| 10m x 10m | 200 nos. | 25 nos. |

| Model-4 : IMC fingerling raising (5 months) | |
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| Seed stocking in following size pond | Fry (30mm – 40mm size) IMC |
| 20m x 20m | 10,000 nos. |
| 15m x 15m | 5,000 nos. |
| 10m x 10m | 2,500 nos. |

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Input Assistance 40% for General & 60% ST/SC/Women/Transgender/PWD on the unit cost of Rs. 4.00 lakh / Ha. Water area (10,000 Sq.m) is admissible on the actual area developed proportionately.

| Specification | Unit Cost (in Rs.) | Subsidy Assistance (in Rs.) | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | | General (40%) | SC/ST/Women/Transgender/PwD (60%) |
| 20m x 20m= 400 sq. mtr (0.04 Ha.) | 16,000 | 6,400 | 9,600 |
| 15m x 15m= 225 sq. mtr (0.02 Ha.) | 9,000 | 3,600 | 5,400 |
| 10m x 10m= 100 sq. mtr (0.01 Ha.) | 4,000 | 1,600 | 2,400 |

Signature of beneficiary

RECOMMENDED AND VERIFIED BY

(Signature of Assistant Fisheries Officer)

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT FISHERIES OFFICERS,**GO-AHEAD LETTER****Letter No.: / Date**

Sri/Smt who is willing to do Pisciculture in Farm Pond, Plot No.
, Khata No. Water area of Revenue Mouza:, Village,
GP:, Block, Dist: is allowed to go ahead for stocking of fish
seed in farm pond under **"MMKY-Input Assistance To Farmers For Taking Up Fish Farming In
Farm Ponds"** of State sector umbrella scheme during

You will be entitled to receive the input subsidy after stocking of fish seed.

| SI No. | Type of Model | Unit Cost (in Rs) | Admissible Subsidy (in Rs) | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | General @ 40 % (in Rs) | ST/SC/Women/PWD/Transgender @ 60% (in Rs) |
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Please note that the stocking must be completed within 2 month of issue of this Go-Ahead Letter. Further, please note that adherence to the DPR provided by the Department is mandatory for release of admissible subsidy of Input Assistance.

Kindly provide intimation on commencement, progress and stocking of fish seed to the AFO of your block from time to time.

District Fisheries Officer