

**Guidelines for 'Livelihood and Nutritional Support for  
Socio-Economically Backward Active Traditional Fishers' Families  
during Fishing Ban / Lean Period' under the component: Fisheries  
Management Regulatory Framework of the CS Scheme- PMMSY**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

Odisha is a Maritime State having seven coastal districts with a coast line of 480 Kms. About 6.05 lakh of marine fishers and 1.10 lakh of Chilika fishers solely depend on fishing for their livelihood. Fishing ban for the period from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> June every year for conservation and effective management of fisheries resources and also for sea safety reasons is the hardship period for the fishers due to loss of income from their sole livelihood. To provide livelihood and nutritional support to the families of socio-economically backward active traditional fishers during fishing ban / lean period, it has been envisaged to provide financial assistance under the CS Scheme- PMMSY.

**2. OBJECTIVE**

To provide livelihood support to socio-economically backward active traditional fishers' families during fishing ban / lean period.

**3. IMPLEMENTATION TARGET & AREA OF OPERATION**

The scheme shall be implemented by the Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) of the State excluding Chilka area in the District of Khordha. The district-wise annual target shall be communicated by the Director of Fisheries at the beginning of the financial year. The target is interchangeable depending on utilization of funds in the Districts.

**4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR BENEFICIARIES**

The following are the eligibility criteria of the beneficiary

- i. Must be a permanent resident of Odisha and must possess identity and residential proof including Aadhar card.
- ii. Must be a full time active fisher.
- iii. Must be a member of functional local Fishers' Cooperative Society/ Federation/any other registered body.
- iv. Must be Below Poverty Line (BPL) and of age between 18 and 60 years.
- v. Must have a bank account in his / her name in the state of Odisha.

## **5. SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES**

The list of fishers shall be prepared by the Directorate of Fisheries through the registered society/Federation/ any other register body following the eligibility criteria of the beneficiary.

## **6. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE**

- The beneficiary fishers shall save and deposit Rs 1500 over a period of nine months during fishing season (from July to March) towards their contribution in the concerned bank account.
- An amount of Rs 170/- per month shall be deposited regularly in each month for eight months and Rs 140/- to be deposited in the 9<sup>th</sup> month.
- In no circumstances the deposit of beneficiary contribution on a lump sum basis for a period of more than one month shall be entertained.
- The list of beneficiaries selected by registered body along with the resolution shall be submitted to the concerned Addl. Fisheries Officer, Marine in the month of July each year.
- The list of beneficiaries along with category of fishers (SC/ST) shall be submitted by the District Level Officers to the Directorate of Fisheries for sharing the information to Govt. of India.
- An amount of Rs. 3000/- which includes Central Share and State Share at the ratio 50:50 shall be deposited in the account of the beneficiary by the concerned District Level Officer.
- The accumulated amount of Rs 4500/- will be disbursed to the account of enrolled beneficiary by the concerned Addl. Fisheries Officer, Marine through DBT/RTGS/NEFT.
- The above amount shall be disbursed to the beneficiary in three equal installments during the lean period, i.e. from April to June.

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