

**Centrally Sponsored 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen'**

**(a) Development of Model Fishermen Village:**

Under this component eligible fishermen in inland and marine sector would be provided with basic civic amenities like houses, drinking water and a commonplace for recreation and work. The respective States /UT's shall provide land for development of these amenities. The States should keep the following criteria in view while selecting beneficiaries for allotment of houses under the schemes:-

- (i) Beneficiary should be an active fisher identified by State Government;
- (ii) Preference should be given to fishers below poverty line and to landless fishers;
- (iii) Fishers owning land or kuchia structure may also be considered for allotment of houses under the scheme.

Cost of development would be shared equally by Central Government and State Government subject to the conditions indicated below. In case of North-Eastern States, cost of the development would be shared by the Centre and the North-Eastern States on 75:25 basis. In case of Union Territories, the entire expenditure shall be borne by Government of India.

**(a) Housing:**

A Fishermen Village may consist of not less than 10 houses. There is no upper limit for number of houses to be constructed in a village, which would depend on number of eligible fishermen in that village. However, State should ensure equitable distribution of houses among all villages in proportion to the number of eligible fishers, as far as possible. The plinth area and cost of construction of a house would be limited to 35 Sq. mts and Rs. 50,000/- respectively. The ceiling on land and cost of construction indicate the upper limit. State Government may plan and ensure optimizing the use of available resources so that more number of houses could be built within the available resources.

**(b) Drinking Water:**

A fishermen village would be provided with one tube well for every 20 houses. Where a village consists of only 10 houses or more, but less than 20 houses, one tube well may be provided for such a village. The cost of installation of a tube well should not exceed Rs.30,000/-, However for North-Eastern States, the cost of installation of a tube well up to Rs.35,000/- would be permissible as a special case for which State Government should furnish adequately justification. The actual number of tube wells to be installed in a village may be rationalized on the basis of actual water requirement of the inhabitant families and the capacity of the tube wells.

A fishermen village may be provided with alternative source of drinking water supply in case tubewells are not a practical proposition provided the additional expenditure,(over and above what would otherwise be admissible if tube wells were to be provided on the basis of number of houses for which the facility is intended) is met entirely by the State Government.

**(c) Community Halls/Work Shed:**

As a recreation and common working place, a fishermen village with at least 75 houses will be eligible to seek assistance for construction of community hall if found necessary. The hall will be constructed on an area not exceeding 200Sq.mts. Two toilets, one for gents and one for ladies and a tube well will also be provided with a community hall. The total cost of the hall should not exceed Rs.1,75,000/-. The State/UT's should ensure optimum utilization of the community hall by permitting its utilization as a drying yard and also as a mending shed. If required, construction of

walls for the community hall may be dispensed with so that it may be a structure with pillars and roofs to permit its optimum utilization as a common working place for fishermen.

**(d) i) Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen:**

Under this component, fisher folk /licensed/identified or registered with the State/UT's Government would be insured for Rs.1,00,000/-against death or permanent total disability and Rs.50,000/- for partial permanent disability. The insurance cover will be for a period of 12 months and a policy would be taken out by FISHCOPFED in respect of all the participating States/UT's. The annual premium payable would not exceed Rs.30/-per head including a service charge @ Rs.100/- per fisher per annum to be paid to FISHCOPFED for implementing the scheme at the Central level-50% of which will be subsidized as grants in –aid by the centre and the remaining 50% by the State Government. In the case of Union Territories,100% premium will be borne by the Central Government.

In case of those States/UT's which subscribed to this component through FISHCOPFED the Central share of the assistance (100% premium in case of UT's) would be released directly to FISHCOPFED and will not routed, through States/UT's. The State Governments should, however, ensure that their share of premium is sent to FISHCOPFED well before the due date of renewal of the policy. In case of those States/UT's who do not subscribe to this component through FISHCOPFED, the release of Central share would be restricted on the basis of annual premium that would be payable had the insurance been taken through FISHCOPFED or the actual premium, whichever is less. No contribution will be collected from the fishermen. The scheme would cover fishermen in both marine and inland sectors FISHCOPFED will be the executing agency and would operate the Scheme through any Insurance Company/Companies in case of States/UT's which opt to subscribe to the Scheme through FISHCOPFED.

**(e) Saving-cum-Relief:**

Mode of implementation:

This component will be implemented uniformly for both marine & inland fishermen. Relief is to be given to fishermen uniformly for 3 months of fishing ban period while seeking savings from them for 9 months. The fishermen contribution will continue to be Rs.600/- as in the case of marine fishermen under the existing scheme which would be collected over a period of 9 months. Contribution of Rs.1200/- will be made by the Centre and the States on 50:50 basis. Thus the total contribution of Rs. 1800/- will be distributed to the fishermen in 3 equal monthly installment of Rs.600/-each .Incase of Union Territories, the contribution of Rs.1200/- will be borne by the Centre only. Incase of Northern-Eastern States, the Governmental contribution of Rs.1200/-will be shared by the Centre & the States on 75:25 basis i.e. Rs.900/- by the Centre and Rs.300/- by a North-Eastern State. The interest accrued on the savings of the fishermen will also be distributed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment.

For purpose of this component, an eligible Fishermen means a person who is professionally engaged in full time fishing, is member of Cooperative Society/Federation /Welfare Society, lives below poverty line and is below 60 years of age. If any member of a fishermen family has regular employment or indulges in any other income generation activity, such family will not qualify to be beneficiary under this component.

The president /Secretary of the Association shall collect the beneficiary contribution and entrust the same to an official of the State/UT Administration who shall deposit the fund every month in a Nationalized Bank in the name of Director of Fisheries of he respective State/UT's. The Director of Fisheries will draw the money during the lean season and distribute it to the beneficiaries adding Centre and State contribution in three equal installments. The States/UT's should ensure that under

no circumstances collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lump sum and that the money is not distributed to the fishermen in lump sum.

If a fishermen defaults in paying his contribution during the non-lean months, the Government's (both State and Centre) matching grant will be limited to the number of months for which he has actually subscribed and will be disbursed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment.

However, 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).

Lean months in different States vary according to climatic conditions and monsoon weather, therefore, Director of Fisheries of the respective States/UT's will have the discretion based on the climatic changes and other valid reasons to decide which are the lean months in a year However, lean months will be limited to only 3 months.

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Format for submission of Proposals

Name of State/UT:

Year:

A. Housing & Drinking Water:

Sl.No.	Name of the Village (District-wise)	No.of houses required in each village	No.of tubewells to be installed	No.of Community halls	Total Cost
1					
2					
3					
<b>Total</b>					

**Notes:**

- Cost to be worked out @ Rs.50,000/-per house,@ Rs. 30,000/-per tube wells (Rs.35,000/- in case of NE States) and Rs. 1.75 lakh per community halls.
- Criteria for selection of village are a minimum of 10 houses .Every 20 houses for one tube wells and at least 75 housing units in a village is eligible to avail assistance for construction of a community hall.

**CERTIFICATE**

Certified that proposed beneficiaries in the proposal are active fishermen Out of them,.....belong to BPL category .....owe land or kuchia structure and for the rest of the fishermen of State Government/UT administration will provide the land for development of these amenities. State Government has adequate provision in its Budget to provide matching share during the current financial year. Utilization Certificate/ Physical progress report of Central assistance received for housing, community halls and drinking water amenities (Rs.....lakh) till .....has been furnished (copy enclosed)/ pending for Rs.....sanctioned by the Government of India pertaining to the year.....& there is no unspent balance. Year-wise break-up of unspent balance of previous year(s) is given in the enclosed Annexure.

**Commissioner/Director(Fisheries)**  
**Government of.....**  
**Date:.....**

## B. Saving cum -Relief

Name & Address of the Society/Cooperative	No.of Fishery to be covered	Amount collected till date	Lean Period	Assistance sought

### Notes:

- i) The beneficiary has to contribute Rs.600/- @ Rs.70/- per month for 1<sup>st</sup> 8 month & Rs.40/- for the 9<sup>th</sup> month. An amount Rs. 1200/-is provided by the Central 7 state Government on 50:50 basis.
- ii) In case of North- Eastern States, the Government contribution of Rs.1200 will be shared by the Centre & States on 75:25 basis.
- iii) In case of UT, Government's share is provided by the Central Government only (No contribution from UT)
- iv) Lean months are limited to 3 months only.

### CERTIFICATE

Certified that:-

- Intended beneficiaries contribution has been received as per guidelines of the scheme and no lump sum contribution collected from the members.
- Beneficiaries proposed to be covered under the component are engaged in active fishing, member of cooperative society/federation/ welfare society, lives below the poverty line, does not own mechanized fishing boat/boat/beach landing craft and below 60 years of age.
- Adequate budget provision has been made in the State Budget during the current financial year to meet State share.
- Central assistance received for this component till last year.....has been disbursed to the beneficiaries and Utilization Certificate furnished/pending for Rs..... Pertaining to the year.
- Year-wise break-up of unspent balance of previous year(s).If any, in the format i.e. year, amount received (GOI) amount utilized matching share released by the state Government and unspent balance as on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the respective financial year etc. is enclosed.

**Commissioner/Director(Fisheries)**  
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