

Grant of fishing lease in tanks reservoirs etc.
Fixing lease rent for the.....

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Agriculture and Co-operation Department,
Circular No.FDX-2276/25223/11-ADF,
Mantralaya Annexe,

8th February,1978.

- Read:- (1) Government Circular, Development Department
No.64, dated the 24th May, 1950.
(2) Government resolution, Agriculture, Food and
Forests Department No.FRB-1163.

CIRCULAR:- Under Government Circular, Development Department No.64, dated the 24th May,1950, instructions were issued for the lease of fishing rights in tanks, reservoirs etc, to the fisheries Co-operative Societies by negotiations and not by auction, Government, had there after directed in the Government Resolution Agriculture, Food and Forests Department No.FDB-1163/20565-III dated the 24th October,1963, that the lease of fishing rights should be for a period of not less than 5 years. For purpose of fixing the lease rent, Government had directed in its circular dated the 24th May, 1950 referred to above, that it should be fixed on the basis of average realisation of past 3 years excluding abnormal realisation. This reference to the average realisation of the past 3 years was with reference to the procedure followed till the issue of that circular, namely, that the fishing leases in tanks and reservoirs were auctioned by the concerned department. The reature and therefore, Government, had issued instructions for fixing lease rent on the basis of average realisations for the past 3 years.

2. In vies of the procedure now adopted by the Zilla Parishads Village Panchayats, Municipal Councils etc., and the Department of Government such as Revenue Department, Fisheries Department etc. to give fishing leases to Fisheries Cooperative Societies of Local Fishermen by negotiations and the lease amount is fixed for a period of 5 years, the method prescribed in the said circular of 24th May, 1950, to fix the lease rent on the basis of average realisation for the past 3 years is difficult to putin to practice. The question of issuing revised instructions was therefore, under consideration of Government for sometime past.

3. The fish production in each tank in the same area being not iduentioal since it depends on various factors like minimum expanse of the tank the accessibility to the tank etc., Government, has after careful consideration come to the conclusion that it is not possible to lay down any particular method for calculating to lease rent for grant of

fishing leases in the tank to fisherie's operative societies. The lease rent is, therefore, required to be fixed by giving due consideration to the above factors accordingly Government is pleased to direct that the lease rent in respect of each tank should be fixed by consulting the District Development Officer concerned, who shall advice the reasonable amount of the lease rent. The various Government departments and the agencies are accordingly requested to fix the upsent price for the lease rent in consultation with the concerned District Fisheries Development Officer, whenever there is occasion to renew grant the fishing leases in the tanks to fisheries co-operative societies and fix the lease rent by negotiations on the basis of such upset price.

4. The Various Departments are requested to issue similar instructions to the officers/organisations under their control, such as village Panchayats, Zilla Parishads, Municipal Councils, etc. who are concerned with the grant of the fishing lease in tanks and reservoirs. By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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