

Pisciculture in drinking water tanks  
in charge of Zilla Parishads  
Directive under Section 261(1) of  
The Maharashtra Zilla Parishad and  
Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA  
Rural Development Department,  
Resolution No.VWS.3872/48357/F-III,  
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32(BR), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> December,1972.

RESOLUTION:

The question as to whether fishing should be allowed to the developed in storage tanks and reservoirs supplying drinking water has been engaging the attention of Government for sometime and after careful consideration of the literature available on the subject, Government has come to the conclusion that with adequate precautions, there would be no harm in developing pisciculture in tanks and storages meant for supply of drinking water. In exercise therefore of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 261 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961 (Mah.V of 62) the Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that as respect the policy to be followed in allowing the development of pisciculture in drinking water storage tanks and reservoirs in charge of Zilla Parishads, the Zilla Parishads shall follow the following directions, namely :

- (1) Fishing should be allowed in storage tanks and reservoirs supplying drinking water having capacity at the Lowest Supply Level not less than 25 M.cft. subject to observance of the following precautionary measures to avoid possible pollution:-
  - (a) no means of fishing should be used as would obstruct flow of water in the channel and would damage the embankment ;
  - (b) fishing should not be allowed within 150 metres from the intake tower of sluice gates ;
  - (c) fishing should be done only with gill nets and the fishermen should operate the gill nets from boats ; no drag nets should be allowed to be used ;
  - (d) artificial fertilisers (organic or inorganic) and addition of artificial food for fish should not be allowed ;
  - (e) the parties to whom fishing rights for particular periods have been given should be directed not to :-
    - (i) tamper with regulating arrangements,

- (ii) damage outlets
- (iii) and  
tamper with shingoda and lotus plantations. A written agreement should be taken from the parties to the effect that if any damage is caused to these things, they will be immediately stopped from fishing and damages will have to be made good by them.
- (f) Fishing should not be allowed within 400 feet of water expanse from where villagers take water for drinking.
- (2) Fishing should not be allowed in storage tanks and reservoirs supplying drinking water having storage capacity at Lowest Supply Level less than 29.M.cft.

By order and in the name of the Government of Maharashtra.

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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra