

**Fishing Rights Of Irrigation Tanks And
Reservoirs Transfer Of to The
Fisheries Department.**

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
IRRIGATION AND POWER DEPARTMENT
Resolution no. FIS/1063/7712-I (3)
Sachivalaya, Bombay, 32(BR) dt. 26.4.66**

Resolution

In pursuance of the recommendations made by the Maharashtra State, Irrigation Commission for formoting development of pisciculture in the Irrigation Tanks and reservoirs and in suppression of the orders issued from time to time regarding vesting of fishing rights, Government is pleased to direct that fishing rights of all tanks under the control of the Irrigation and Power Department should be transferred on the terms and condition stipulated in the accompanying statement 'A'.

These orders issue with the concurrences of the Finance Department vide its un-official reference no. 2470/52/66-III-A, dated 25th February 1966.

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

**S/d
(P. G. PANSE)
Under Secretary to Govt.**

**ACCOMPANIMENT TO GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION IRRIGATION AND
POWER DEPARTMENT NO FIS/1063/7712 - I (5) DT. 26.4.1966**

STATEMENT

Terms and conditions for transfer of fishing rights of all tanks under the control of Irrigation and Power Department to the Fisheries Department -

1. The fishing rights of all tanks under the control of Irrigation and Power Department will henceforth vest in Fisheries Department that department will lease the fishing rights or exercise them, themselves subject to conditions below.
2. The Director of Fisheries, will be competent to decide the final lease amount obtained either in open auction bid or negotiations in case of Fishermen's Co-Operative Societies.
3. In case of tanks where responsibility of stocking of tanks with fish seed or suitable varieties have been made a responsibility of the lease, the revenue, obtained from lease such tanks will be share between the Irrigation and Power Department and the Fisheries Department on 50:50
4. In case of tanks where the fisheries do not evince interest in developing the stock of fish for any reason the Fisheries Department will procure and stock such tanks with suitable varieties of only fish. The expenditure so incurred will however, be deducted from the revenue obtained by lease of such tanks and the balance amount only being than shared between the two departments on 50:50 basis.
5. Some of the tanks which the Fisheries Department desires to utilize as their deep tanks fisheries units for the purposes of experimentation, demonstration, fish, breeding units or as tanks in association with Fish Farms may be retained with the Fisheries Department. In such cases since the Fisheries Department has to specially incur expenditure on special technical staff, laboratory, gears and tackle intensive stocking with fish fingerlings of selected varieties after rearing them in specially developed nurseries watch and ward etc. The Fisheries Department will bear all above expenditure and give 10% of the Gross revenue to the Irrigation and Power Department as their share. Such lease will remain in force for 10 years in the first instance being renewable at the end of each such period.
6. The watch and ward of the tanks should continue with the Irrigation and Power Department as at present specially to keep a check on surreptitious fishing.
7. Observance of the instructions issued in the govt. Circular Memorandum, Public Works Departments no. FIS/1956-Z, dated 24.09.1965 (Copy enclosed) should be ensured.
8. In case of smaller tanks on which there is only seasonal Irrigation if the drawing of the water for irrigation up to the outlet sill level or the minimum level may be found detrimental to fish breeding the Fisheries Department should not take up fish breeding. In case seasonal fish breeding is reported to at no time should the Fisheries Department object to this water being lowered up to the outlet sill level.