

Natural Calamities -

Scheme for grant of relief to Fishermen.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,
Revenue and Forests Department,
Resolution No.CLS-5976/300300-M-3,
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32 BR.

Dated:- 19th April 1976.

READ:- (1) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department, No.CLS-5969/217387-S,
dated 4th March 1970.
(2) Government Resolution,Agriculture and Co-operation Department,No.FLA-1471/4488-G,
Dated 15th November,1973.

RESOLUTION:-

Under Government Resolution, Agriculture and Co-operation Department No. FLA-1471/4488-G,dated 15th November 1973, Government has sanctioned a scheme for grant of relief to fishermen who suffer losses due to natural calamities like drought, floods accident at sea, storm, cyclone, fish famine, earthquake,fire encroachment of sea, drying of ponds,lakes and rivers. This scheme is being administered by the agriculture and co-operation department. Government has decided that various schemes for granting relief to the sufferers of natural calamities should be administered by one department. In pursuance of this decision Government is pleased to direct that the scheme for grant of relief to fishermen who are sufferers of natural calamities sanctioned under Government Resolution. Agriculture and co-operation department, No.FLA-1471/4488-G, dated 15th November 1973, should form part of relief measures sanctioned under Government resolution Revenue and forest department No.CLS-5969/217387-S.dated:-4th March 1970 and the revenue and Forest department should be incharge of the scheme. Details of the scheme are mentioned in Annexure-I to this Government Resolution.

2. Expenditure incurred on grant of subsidy under the scheme should be debited to the budget head "289-Relief on account of natural calamities-B-Gratuitous Relief-(h)-Other gratuitous Relief" and that on account of loan to "695-loans for other social and community services-(c)-Relief of Natural Calamities".

3. Government is also pleased to declare the following officers of the Fisheries Department as drawing and disbursing officers under the Budget heads (i) "289-Relief on account of natural calamities-B-Gratuitous Relief" and (ii) "695-loans for other social and community services-(c) – Relief for Natural Calamities" to enable them to incur expenditure on grant of subsidy and loans to fishermen in accordance with the scheme mentioned in the

Annexure-I :-

- (1) Director of Fisheries,
- (2) Regional Fisheries Development officer,
- (3) District Fisheries Development officer.

4. Government is further pleased to direct that the Director of Fisheries shall be the controlling officer, under the above mentioned budget heads for the purpose of expenditure under the scheme. The Director of Fisheries should follow scrupulously the instructions issued in paragraphs 100 to 111 of chapter IX of the Bombay Budget Manual.(Financial Publication No X.). He should maintain the separate account of expenditure incurred under the scheme under the above budget heads. He should also keep a constant watch over the actual expenditure and submit to Government in the Revenue and Forests Department and the Agriculture and Co-operation Department monthly progress reports of the expenditure incurred on grant of subsidy and loans.

5. This resolution issues with the concurrence of the Agriculture and co-operation Department and the Finance Department vide its un-official reference no. 938/76/EXP-7,dated 12th April 1976.

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

Sd/-
(B.N.Kadam),
Desk officer, M-3,
Revenue and Forest Department.

To,

- The Director of Fisheries, Bombay (With 5 spare copies).
The Commissioner for Co-operation and Registrar of Co-operative societies, Pune.
The Regional Fisheries Development officer, Bombay/Pune/Nagpur and Aurangabad.
The District Fisheries Development officers, Bombay/Kolaba (Alibag),Ratnagiri, Thana,Pune,
Kolhapur, Nagpur, Yavatmal, Bhandara, Chandrapur,
Akola,Aurangabad, Parbhani, Nanded, Osmanabad,
Nasik.
- All District Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies. -
All Commissioners of Divisions. -
All Collectors of Distrcts. -
The Accountant General ,Maharashtra [I], Bombay, -
The Accountant General ,Maharashtra [Ii], Nagpur, -
The Agriculture and Co-Operation Department, [Lask No.12 ADF] [with 5 spare copies.] -
The Finance Department,Sachivalaya,(EXP-7) -
The Genera l Manager,Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank Ltd.,Bombay. -
The 'B-2' and 'M-7' Lesk of the Revenue and Forests Department, Sachivalaya. -

Accompaniment to Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department, No. CLS:CLS 5976/300300-M-3, dated 19th April, 1976.

Annexure-I.

Details of the scheme.

(1) **Name of the Scheme**

Relief to fishermen who suffer losses due to natural calamities like drought, floods, accident at sea, storm, cyclone, fish famine, earthquake, fire, encroachment of sea, drying of ponds, lakes and rivers.

(2) **Mode of granting relief (Marine fisheries)**

The relief will be granted to rehabilitate fishermen in their profession only. The amount of relief will thus vary according to the nature of calamity and actual loss suffered by the individual fisherman. Fisherman's main tools are his boat, engine installed in it and his nets. While determining assistance to be given the year of purchase of the articles involved will be verified and on the basis of their depreciated cost on the day of loss, quantum of loan and subsidy to be given will be decided. This assistance will be as under:-

- (a) -Engine $\frac{1}{4}$ subsidy and $\frac{3}{4}$ loan on depreciated cost, subject to a limit of Rs.500/- as subsidy and Rs.1500/- as loan.
- (b) Boat:- The same is prescribed above for Engine.
- (c) -Fishing nets:- $\frac{1}{4}$ th subsidy and $\frac{3}{4}$ loan subject to a limit of Rs.300/- as subsidy and Rs.900/- as loan.

(3) **Mode of granting relief (Inland Fisheries)**

The size of relief will vary according to nature of calamity and the quantum of loss suffered by the fish culturists. The pattern of assistance will be as under:-

In case the seed stocked in nurseries, ponds, tanks perishes due to drought or escapes due to excessive uncontrollable flooding over wastewater/or bund of the tank, subsidy at the following rates will be given in kind:-

- (a) -50% of the seed affected due to calamity limited to an amount of Rs.1000/- should be supplied free of cost to the Co-operative Society at the earliest possible occasion.

- (b) 30% of the seed affected due to calamity limited an amount of Rs.500- should be supplied free of cost to the private individuals or local bodies such as Gram panchayats, Municipal Committees, etc. to the earliest possible occasion.

In addition to these, following relief is also to be sanctioned :-

- (a) -Lease period of tanks leased out by the Fisheries Department should be extended by one more year without charging any lease money for the extended period of one year. Similar measures may be recommended by the Director of Fisheries to Zilla Parishads, Gram panchayats and Municipal Committees in case of the tanks in their charge.
- (b) In case the parties affected due to these calamities have been extended lona by the Fisheries Department for any aspect of the development of fisheries, the recovery of loan should be stayed for one year and interest for that one year is not to be charged.
- (c) -The lease amount if already paid before drought conditions or flooding it may be refunded to the leasee. Lease money for the following year should be recovered at the end of that year.This condition should be binding in case of tanks owned by Government Departments, Zilla Parishads and Local Bodies.
- (d) The -Fisheries Co-operative Societies, having membership of fishermen engaged in inland fisheries, will be paid 100% labour charges, at rates approved by the Collectors, in respect of the fishermen labour it would employ during the drought period for purpose of deepening/desilting of dried up Government/Zilla Parishads tanks to increase its fish production capacity. The technical advice of the District Fisheries Development Officers should be taken in respect of such relief work.

(4) -Powers of officers for sanctioning relief

- (a) -Grant of subsidies:- Subsidy will be sanctioned by the officers of the Fisheries Department to the extent shown below:-
1. - District Fisheries Development officer Rs.300/-
 2. - Regional Fisheries Development officer Rs.750/-
 3. - Director of Fisheries Rs.4000/-
- (b) - Grant of Loans:- Loans will be sanctioned to the individual fishermen by officers of the Fisheries Department as under:-
1. - District Fisheries Development officer upto Rs.500/-
 2. - Regional Fisheries Development officer Upto 1000/-
 3. Director of Fisheries Upto 1500/-

In very special cases meriting consideration, the relief beyond above limits (loan and subsidy) will be sanctioned by Government.

Grant of loans and its repayment will be subject to State aid to Fisheries Rules, 1962, the moentary limits being as specified in item (2) above.

- (5) -The assistance will be granted to fishermen, provided the loss suffered is not due to his negligence.

(6)The responsibility to prove the extent of loss will rest on the fishermen, seeking Government assistance in this behalf.

(7) Eligibility for assistance:-

The persons eligible will be only the active fisherman engaged in the fishing industry in the State and who have actually suffered loss of their equipment in the nature-1 calamities anumerated above having regard to the nature and extent of the damage caused to their fishery requisites, e.g.nets,boats,engine, fish hooks etc provided they do not have resources to recovery of the equipment for want of finance and are unable to get adequate assistance for the purpose.

(8) Source to meet expenditure:-

The expenditure on account of subsidy and loans to be granted under this scheme should be met from the grants under “289 – Relied on account of Natural Calamities-B-Gratuitous Relief “ and under “ 695-Loans for other Social and Community Services” respectively.

(9) Provision etc.

Funds for expenditure under the above budget heads will be placed by the Revenue and Forest Department at the disposal of the Director of Industries. The Director of Fisheries should approach Government in the Revenue and Forests Department for allotments needed for expenditure on the grant of subsidy and loan to fisherman in the event of 6 occurrence of natural calamities mentioned in para 1 above.

(10) Other points :-

With a view to ascertaining that the relief is given to the sufferer fishermen expeditiously, the concerned district officers of the Fisheries Department will visit the scene of calamity and themselves about nature and extent of damage caused to the sufferers’ property and arrange for relief to the extant within his powers without loss of time and keep the Director of Fisherie and the Revenue and Forests Department informed of the steps taken from time to time.

(11) For grant of this assistance the District and Regional offices of the Fisheries Department will be deemed compatibility and decide the title to the assets comprising property boat etc.
