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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 24th March, 2006.


NO.PISC (G) 35/2005/PI/12 :-The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the following Non-Statutory Rules for Grant - in - Aid to Private Fish Farmers, Community/Village, Collective body of Fishermen and Piscicultural Societies for implementation of the Scheme " Aquaculture Development - One Thousand Ponds " as laid down here under:-

- I. Name of the Rule :- The Meghalaya Fishery Grant - in - Aid for Aquaculture Development - One Thousand Ponds to Fish Farmers and Piscicultural Societies Rules, 2005.
- II. Short title, extent and commencement :- (1) This Rule may be called the Meghalaya Fishery Grant - in - Aid to private Fish Farmers and Piscicultural Societies Rules 2005.
(2) They (Rules) shall extend to the whole of Meghalaya.
(3) They (Rules) shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- III. Financial Assistance shall be provided as a back ended subsidy of 75% to be provided out of Central assistance to be released by the Govt. of India under the aforesaid scheme and a loan component of 25% to be tied up with the Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank of the State of Meghalaya based on the Model Scheme of 1.00 hectare water area approved by the NABARD 2002- 2003.
- IV. The Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank shall extend 100 (hundred) percent of the Scheme amount to the selected Beneficiaries/Fish Farmers.
- V. One time Financial Assistance shall be given for construction of ponds, tanks, as well as for the inputs for the purpose of fish culture.
- (i) Construction means bringing new or additional areas under water with a view to rear Fish by excavation, construction of embankments or canal with provision of inlet and outlet.
- (ii) Inputs means provision of lime, manure, fishseeds, fish feed etc.
- VI. Financial Assistance shall be given to the private Fish Farmers, Community/Village, Co-Operative Societies, and Collective body of Fishermen. Preference will be given to the Un-Employed Fisheries Graduates, Un-employed Graduates, Educated Un-Employed Rural Youths and Fish Farmers with 5(five) years experience in Fish farming as follows :-

- (i) For construction of new ponds, tanks, Assistance shall be provided at the rate of 25% loan and 75% subsidy out of the total estimated cost of Rs.3.00 lakhs per hectare (based on the norms approved by NABARD 2003-2003 copy enclosed.)

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- (ii) Financial Assistance for purchase of inputs like lime, manure, fishseeds, fish feed etc., will be granted at the rate of 25% loan and 75% subsidy out of the total estimated cost of Rs. 60,000/- per hectare (based on the norms approved by NABARD 2002-03 copy enclosed.)

VII. The minimum water area eligible for financial Assistance under the Scheme "Aquaculture Development - One Thousand Ponds" shall not be less than 0.20 Hectare or 2000 Sq. metre with a maximum water area of 1.0 Hectare.

VIII. Beneficiaries who have already received Financial Assistance from other Fishery Development Schemes are not eligible for Financial under this Scheme.

IX. Publication of the Scheme :- The Superintendent of Fisheries, shall invite application from the interested private Fish Farmers, Community/Village, Co-operative Societies, Collective Body of Fishermen, Un-employed Fishery Graduates, Un-employed Graduates, Educated Un-employed Rural Youths and Fish Farmers with five years experience in Fish Farming of the Districts by publishing the Scheme in the local Newspaper.

X. Application for Financial Assistance shall be made in the prescribed forms issued by the respective Superintendent of Fisheries duly affixed with the Office Seal and Signature of the Superintendent of Fisheries of the District (Specimen copy of Application form enclosed at Schedule-I).

- (I) Application form should be accompanied with the following attested copies of documents.
- i. Certificates of land ownership to be issued by the Headman of the locality.
 - ii. Non-encumbrance Certificate of the project to be issued by the Headman of the locality.
 - iii. Experience Certificate for Fish Farmers to be issued by the Headman of the locality.
 - iv. Attested copies of Educational qualification Certificates to be submitted in case of the Fishery Graduates, Un-employed Graduates, and Educated Un-employed Rural Youth. (Original copies of documents to be produced when called for).

XI. Selected Private Fish Farmers, Community/Village/Society/Collective Body of Fishermen/Un-employed Fishery Graduates/Un-employed Graduates/Un-employed Rural Youths and Fish Farmers with five years experience should give the Undertaking to the effect that the project/projects shall be properly managed and maintained by them. The loan so taken shall be repaid in full.

XII. Financial Assistance shall not be given without the local enquiry made by the Superintendent of Fisheries or by an Officer subordinate to him not below the Rank of the Fishery Demonstrator. Such enquiry report shall indicate the feasibility and suitability of the site/projects for construction of ponds/tanks.

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XIII. The Superintendent of Fisheries will scrutinise the Technical report. Based on the feasibility report, the Superintendent of Fisheries shall prepare the list of Beneficiaries in order of merit alongwith the relevants documents and shall place the list before the District Advisory Committee for its scrutiny and recommendation.

(i). District Advisory Committee:- There shall be a District Advisory Committee constituted by the Government for a period of 3(three) years from the date of Notification. The District Advisory Committee shall also function as the District level Co-Ordination Committee.

(ii) The District advisory Committee/District level co-ordination Committee shall constitute with the following Members.

1. The Deputy Commissioner of the respective District - Chairman
2. The Project Director District Rural Dev. Agency(DRDA) of the respective District. - Member
3. The District Planning Officers of the respective Districts - Member
4. The District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer of the respective District. - Member
5. The Branch Manager, Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Banks of the respective District. - Member
6. District Agricultural Officer, of the respective District. - Member
7. Assistant Registrar Co-Operative Society of the respective District. - Member
8. The Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, of the respective District. - Member
9. The Superintendent of Fisheries of the respective District. - Member Secretary
10. The Chairman may co-opt subject matter specialists as and when deemed necessary.

The functions of the Committee are selection of beneficiaries, monitoring and co-ordination.

(iii) The quorum of the District Advisory Committee shall be 5(five).

XIV. The Superintendent of Fisheries shall submit the lists of beneficiaries duly recommended by the District Advisory Committee alongwith the details Statement to the Director of Fisheries for approval and Financial sanction of the projects.

XV. Work Order for Construction of the Projects shall be issued by the Superintendent of Fisheries of the respective District.

XVI. Release of Financial Assistance.

- i. The Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank shall release the first instalment of 50% out of the total estimated cost of the projects @ Rs. 3,60,000/- per hectare to the selected beneficiaries based on the recommendation of the District Advisory Committee.

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- ii. The second and final instalment shall be released by the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank upon furnishing of a Certificates by the Superintendent of Fisheries, that the amount of the work completed commensurate with the amount released in the first instalment by the Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank.

XVII. The Superintendent of Fisheries shall submit the copy of the Utilisation Certificates, Bond to the Director of Fisheries for record.

XVIII. The Director of Fisheries shall ensure that the project/projects is/are periodically inspected and follow up action be taken up to assess the progress of the project, to provide technical guidance to the Piscicultutists in all matters relating to the maintenance of the project. To assess the growth of the fish stocked, the fish produced from the project and the contribution of the individual projects towards the Fish production of the State.

XIX. The Director of Fisheries shall ensure that the quarterly Progress Report is submitted by the Superintendent of Fisheries on or before the 5th day of the beginning of every quarter.

- (i) Monitoring and evaluation of the Projects shall be done by the Superintendent of Fisheries of the respective District for the purpose of assessing the growth of fishes stocked and maintenance etc. of the project.
- (ii) The Superintendent of Fisheries of the respective District shall submit the quarterly Progress Report on monitoring and evaluation of the projects to Director of Fisheries on or before the 5th day of the beginning of every quarter.

XX. The Director of Fisheries shall ensure that the Financial Assistance provided is utilised for the purpose for which it was given for as per NABARD Norms through an undertaking to be given by each grantee in the formed of agreement as per Schedule -II.

- (a) Each beneficiary shall give an undertaking before receipt of the Financial Assistance to the effect that the amount will be utilised for the purpose for which it is meant for in the proforma at Schedule -II.
- (b) Each beneficiary shall allow the Officer/Officers of the Department of Fisheries to inspect the progress of the work of the project and the achievement of the project from time to time.

XXI. The monitoring of the scheme will be done at the State level Co-ordination Committee and at the District level by the District Level Co-Ordination Committee.

- (i) State level Co-ordination Committee:- There shall be a State level Co-ordination Committee to be constituted by the Government for a period of 3(three) years from the date of Notification to monitor the Scheme at the State level.

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(ii) The State level Co-ordination Committee shall be constituted with the following members:-

1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya - Chairman
2. Agricultural Production Commissioner - Vice Chairman
3. Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Department - Member
4. Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department - Member
5. Commissioner & Secretary, Fisheries Department - Member Secretary.
6. Managing Director Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank - Member
7. Principal Scientist, Fisheries Division, ICAR NEH Complex, Umiam. - Member

The function of the Committee are:-

1. To Monitor the smooth implementation of the Scheme.
2. To suggest modalities of implementation and any other matter as per the guidelines of the Scheme as required.


Sd/- P.Kharkongor,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of the
Meghalaya, Fisheries Department.

Memo No.PISC(G)35/2005/Pt/12-A,
Copy forwarded to:-

Dated Shillong, the 24th March, 2006.

1. The Director of Fisheries, Meghalaya Shillong for information and necessary action.
2. Planning Department with reference to their endorsement dt.1.2.2006.
3. Finance(EC,I)Department with reference to their I/D. No FC(I)1194/05 -06, dt.14.3.2006.
4. Guard File.

By order etc.,


Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Fisheries ::: Department

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CORRIGENDUM

Dated Shillong, the 22nd September, 2006.

No.PISC(G)35/2005/P/32, :- In the Notification No.PISC(G)35/2005/P/12, dt 24.3 2006 for Rule III Please read "Financial Assistance shall be provided as a back ended subsidy of 75% and loan component of 25% to be tied up with the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex, Bank of the State of Meghalaya based on the Model Scheme of 1.00 hectare water area approved by the NABARD 2002-03"

Instead of

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And for Rule XXI, please read

"The monitoring of the Scheme will be done at the State level by the State level Co-ordination Committee and at the District level by the District level Co-ordination Committee."

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Copy to :-

1. The Director of Fisheries Meghalaya, Shillong with for information and necessary action with reference to your letter No.MEG/PISC/14/2004/120, dt.30.3.2006.
2. Planning Department.
3. Finance (E.C.I) Department.
4. Guard File.

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