

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FISHERIES ETC. DEPARTMENT**

NO. PISC(G) 69/2004/10

Dated Shillong, the 27th September, 2011

The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the following Non-statutory Rules for the Grant-in-Aid to Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen for implementation of the scheme “Community Fishery Development Project” as laid down here under.

I. Name of the Rule:

The Meghalaya Fishery Grant-in-Aid for construction of Community Ponds to Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen Rules, 2005.

II. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

(i) This Rule may be called the Meghalaya Fishery Grant-in-Aid to Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen Rules, 2005.

(ii) The (Rules) shall extend to the whole of Meghalaya.

(iii) The (Rules) shall come into force from the date of Publication in the Official Gazette.

III. Financial Assistance shall be granted for new construction (excavation) of ponds/Tanks and for providing subsidy for inputs.

(i) New construction means bringing new or additional area under water with a view to rear fish by excavation, construction retaining wall or canal with provision for inlet and outlet.

(ii) Inputs mean provision for lime, manure, Fishseeds, Fishfeed etc.

IV. Financial Assistance shall be granted to the Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen as follows

(i) For construction of New ponds/Tanks, assistance shall be provided @ Of 50% subsidy of the total estimated cost of ₹ 3.00 lakhs per Ha. and 50% shall be contributed by the Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen in the form of labour etc. (Based on the rate approved by NABARD. Copy enclosed).

(ii) Inputs: One time Financial Assistance for purchase of inputs like lime, manure, fishfeed, etc. will be granted at 50% of the total estimated cost of ₹ 60,000/- per Ha. (Based on the rate approved by NABARD copy enclosed)

V. The minimum water area eligible for Government Assistance under the scheme Community Fishery Development Project shall not be less than 0.30 Ha. Beneficiaries who have already received Financial Assistance from other Fishery Development Schemes are not eligible for Financial Assistance under this scheme.

VI. Publication of the scheme:

The Superintendent of Fisheries shall invite application from the interested Community/Village/Society/Collective body of Fishermen of the District by publishing the scheme in the local Newspaper.

VII. Application for Financial Assistance shall be made in the prescribed form 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)

Application form should be accompanied with the following attested copies of documents:

- (i) Certificate of ownership/lease to be issued by the Headman of the locality.
- (ii) The non-encumbrance certificate of the project to be issued by the Headman of the locality.
- (iii) Agreement – Undertaking to be made by the Community/ Village/ Society/ Collective body of Fishermen concerned to the effect that the project(s) shall be properly managed and maintained by them (Original copies of documents to be produced for verification when called for)

VIII. The Financial Assistance shall not be created without the local enquiry made by the Superintendent of Fisheries or by officer subordinate to him, not below the rank of Fishery Demonstrator. Such enquiry report shall indicate the feasibility and suitability of the sites/projects for construction of community ponds/tanks.

IX. The Superintendent of Fisheries will scrutinise the technical report. Based on the feasibility report, the list of the beneficiaries prepared by the Superintendent of Fisheries

in order of merit alongwith relevant documents shall be placed before the District Advisory Committee for its scrutiny and recommendation.

(i) District Advisory Committee – Constituted by the Government for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of notification

(ii) The Committee shall constitute with the following Members:

- a. Deputy Commissioner of the respective District - Chairman
- b. Sub-Divisional Planning Officer - Member
- c. Sub-Divisional Officer, Civil - Member
- d. Superintendent of Fisheries, District concerned - Member Secretary

- X. The Superintendent of Fisheries shall submit the list of beneficiaries duly recommended by the District advisory Committee alongwith the detail Statement to the Director of Fisheries for approval and Financial sanction of the projects.
- XI. Work order for the construction of the project shall be issued by the District Officer concerned. Release of the Financial grant will be done in 2 (two) installments. 1st (first) installment will be released when 50% of the work is actually completed out of the total estimated cost. The 2nd (second) and final installment will be released only when the audited Statement of the first installment is furnished by the Superintendent of Fisheries concerned.
- XII. Financial Assistance will be disbursed to the beneficiaries by the Superintendent of Fisheries of the respective District.
- XIII. The Superintendent of Fisheries, shall submit the copy of the Annual Progress Reports, Utilisation Certificates, Bond and paid up Statement to the Director of Fisheries for record.
- XIV. The Financial Assistance shall be utilised for the purpose for which it was granted for as per plan and estimates. The Director of Fisheries, should ensure that the Project(s) are periodically inspected and follow-up programmes taken up like assessment of growth and fish produced from such projects with a view to assess contribution made towards the total fish production of the State.

XV. Each grantee shall:

Give an undertaking before receipt of the Financial Assistance to the effect that the grant is to be utilised for the purpose for which it is meant for in the Proforma at Schedule II.

To allow the Officer(s) of the Department to inspect the progress and achievement from time to time.

If at any time the Department finds that the Financial Assistance given has been misused, the Department may direct the whole or part of the Financial Assistance with 10% interest payable therein shall be recovered immediately from the defaulting party/parties.

(Enclosed Schedule I & II)

Sd/-
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Dated Shillong, the 27th September, 2011

Copy to the Director of Fisheries, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.

By Order etc.

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