

NCDC Assisted- Integrated Fisheries Development Project- implemented through Matsyafed

Schemes implemented with the financial assistance from National Backward classes Development Finance Corporation (NBCDFC) and National Minority Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC)

- (i) Screw pine, mat-making units, cold storage, fish markets- established for additional employment. In addition autorickshaws are also supplied
- (ii) Upgradation of pre-processing facilities with funding support from MPEDA and the central ministry of Food Processing Industry
- (iii) Nylon net Factory (Externally aided)

Welfare Schemes

The various Welfare Schemes for Fishermen executed by the department are as follows:

(i) Housing Scheme (50% CSS)

Department of Fisheries is implementing a housing programme with the assistance of National Fishermen Welfare Fund Scheme & Xth Finance Commission. An amount of Rs. 40,000 is granted to registered fishermen active in the traditional sector having atleast 1.5 cents of land, between the age group of 18 and 60 years, belonging to BPL family, having no dwelling house in his name but married & maintaining a family. The person should build house under his own supervision with a plinth area of 35 sq.m. The grant is distributed in 4 installments as when the 4 stages of house i.e. basement, lintel, roof and final work of the house are completed.

(ii) Savings Cum Relief Scheme (50% CSS)

This scheme is one of the components of the on going Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'National Welfare Scheme for Fishermen'. This scheme is meant for sea going fishermen & fisher women engaged in fish marketing & allied activities. An amount of Rs. 75/- is given as monthly contribution for 8 months for which they are given Rs 300/- per month for the next 4 months.

To fishermen in Inland sector Rs. 50/- is given as monthly contribution for 9 months for which they are given Rs. 300/- per month for the next 3 months.

(iii) Educational Concession to the Children of Fishermen

Only children of registered fishermen are eligible for the educational concession. Children of expired fishermen based on the registration of the fishermen during the year of death, children of fishermen who retires from fishing activity before the age of 60 years due to physical handicap or diseases and children of pensioner fishermen not engaged in income generating activities are also eligible for concession. Hindu fishing community is granted concession only from the Dept of Scheduled Caste & Tribe.

The certificates for the children are issued by the fisheries officers working under the Fund Board. The rules, rates & proceedings relating to the distribution of education concessions to the children of fishermen for pre-matriculation, matriculation & Post matriculation studies from the department will be in par with those for educational concessions granted to the students of other departments. Educational concession will not be granted from the fisheries department to the students for their vocational studies except for students of Government Institutions. Students of the Regional Fisheries Technical High Schools under the Department will be eligible for annual lump sum grant only.

(iv) Fisheries Roads

The socio-economic condition of fishermen to a large extent depend upon the availability of approach roads & transport facilities, as the roads form a vital link for marketing & transport of fish. Three types of road works are taken up in the development programme. They are:

Type A – which involves formation of roads, metalling and tarring

Type B – which involves metalling and tarring only

Type C - which involves tarring only

Estimated cost per km is Rs 10 lakh for type A, Rs 5 lakh for type B and Rs.3 lakh for type C.

The fisheries roads in the State are owned by different agencies and construction will be by the respective agencies in the respective area/jurisdiction.

(v) Drinking Water Supply Scheme

More than 50% of the fishermen households in the state are lacking drinking water supply. Clean drinking water is a basic need that is to be essentially provided to the coastal area. At present the State Government is implementing the scheme utilizing the grant from the Xth Finance Commission. Target is to cover 70 fishing villages @ 10 lakhs/village. The responsibility of implementing the scheme is vested with HED and KWA.

Sea Ranching

Some of the commercially important and generally accepted varieties of fishes have become very scarce due to indiscriminate over fishing, pollution & various other factors. Sea ranching is found to be an effective measure for the replenishment of depleting stock of commercially important species by releasing sufficient number of hatchery bred species in estuaries & bar mouth.