

## **Providing Boats (Replacement) and Nets for Traditional Fishermen**

West Bengal has three coastal districts with a coast line of 158 km. Thousands of fishermen venture out in the sea daily for their livelihood. They are always at some risk and in the mercy of nature. Old and damaged crafts and gears add to their misery and increase the risk of accidents. In inland sector also there are a good number of fishermen who depend on capture fishery in open water for their livelihood. In order to strengthen safety and security of fishermen and ensure their sea worthiness, 'Providing Boats (replacement) and Nets for Traditional Fishermen' under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Government is being implemented in the state.

### **Name of Scheme**

Providing boats (replacement) and nets for traditional fishermen - Strengthening of safety and security of fishermen Component

### **Name of the component**

- Replacement of old dilapidated fishing boat with new one
- Procurement of new fishing net

### **Objectives**

- To provide financial support to traditional fishermen for replacement of damaged or dilapidated boats and purchase new fishing nets
- To ensure safety and security to fishers involved in high risk profession.

### **Eligibility Criteria of the beneficiaries**

- Traditional (including artisanal) marine fishermen actively involved in fishing are eligible for the benefit under this component
- In case of marine fisheries, the beneficiary should possess valid (a) ownership certificate, (b) Registration Certificate and Fishing License under Real Craft, (d) Biometric ID Card or Fishers ID card and (e) mandatorily QR coded Aadhar Card
- For the fishers engaged in inland fisheries are concerned, the States/UTs will certify the genuineness of the beneficiary with regard to fishing/fishing related activities as his/her occupation/livelihood

### **Project Location**

Different districts in the State of WB.

### **Implementation of Plan**

The proposed scheme "Providing boats (replacement) and nets for

traditional fishermen” is a beneficiary-oriented scheme. After the due approval of schemes by the Government, the schemes will be implemented through District Fisheries Officers by the beneficiary under the technical guidance of Block Fishery Extension Officers (FEO).

#### Unit Cost and Government Assistance

Sl. No.	Item	Maximum Unit Cost (Rs. In Lakh)	Maximum Subsidy (Rs. In Lakh)	
			Gen. (40%)	SC/ST/Woman (60%)
1	Wooden/FRP Fishing Boat of varying sizes	3.00	1.20	1.80
2	Engine with varying HP and other fittings with safety equipment (life jacket, life buoy, GPS)	1.50	0.60	0.90
3	Fishing Net	0.50	0.20	0.30
Total		5.00	2.00	3.00

- Financial assistance shall be limited to 1 unit per individual beneficiary
- Back ended subsidy as per the present funding pattern of Government of India (60% for SC/ST/Women and 40% for General category) shall be provided to the beneficiaries under the scheme
- In case of bank finance, subsidy will be released to the loan account of the beneficiaries and in case of self-finance, the subsidy shall be released to the bank account of the beneficiary.

#### Source of Finance

The estimated project cost of “Providing boats (replacement) and nets for traditional fishermen” for one unit has been worked out as Rs.5.00 lakh as per THE GOVERNMENTAL guideline.

#### Time line for Project Implementation

Activity	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Submitting DPR												
Approval of DPR												
Beneficiary selection and approval												
Purchase of unit												
Physical verification												

