

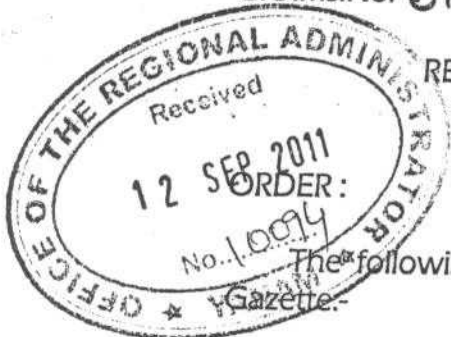
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
(ABSTRACT)

Chief Secretariat (FY) – Issue of Immediate Death Relief Assistance / Immediate Relief Assistance @ Rs.1.00 lakh for the family/legal heir) of the deceased/ missing fishermen of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions of the Union Territory of Puducherry– “Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during lean season and Natural Calamities”– Guidelines of the scheme - Gazette Notification – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

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READ: 1 Lr.No. 20/DDF(Wel)/DRS/COM/DMFM/2009-10, dt. 25.11.2009 of the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.

The following notification shall be published in the next issue of the Official Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

Approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is hereby accorded for (a) Immediate Death Relief Assistance @ Rs.1.00 lakh for the family (legal heir) of the deceased fishermen” and (b) Immediate Relief assistance @Rs.1.00 lakh for the family(legal heir) of the missing fishermen under the scheme “Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during lean season and Natural Calamities” in the Union Territory of Puducherry as appended to this notification.

ANNEXURE

Component: (a) “Immediate Death Relief Assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the family(legal heir) of the deceased fishermen and (b) “Immediate Relief assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the family(legal heir) of the missing fishermen belonging to fishermen community” under the scheme “Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during Lean Season and Natural Calamities” in all the four regions of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Short Title, extent and commencement .-

This scheme is called the “Scheme for Immediate Death Relief Assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the families (legal heirs) of the deceased fishermen and Immediate Relief Assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the families(legal heirs) of the missing fishermen”.

- (ii) It shall be extended to the whole of the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- (iii) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

2. Definition .-

"Fishermen" means any person involved in fishing operation and allied fishing activities in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

"The family (legal heir)" means the next of the kin and kith in general terms mean a blood relation who is a legal heir. The eligible category will include husband/wife; children/step children, parents/widow daughter/sister, legal guardian of the minor; married daughters/widow daughter in law/widowed brothers. The basic principle would be that the first claimant would be the immediate family dependent on the deceased/missing fishermen.

"Missing Fishermen" means Fishermen who are reported by police and family members to be missing while fishing in sea or any other water bodies and treating them as deceased.

"Deceased Fishermen" means Fishermen /Fisherwomen who is reported by Police and family members to have lost his/her life while fishing in sea or any other water bodies.

3. Objectives .-

Immediate Relief Assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the family (legal heir) of the deceased /missing fishermen will be extended through the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare to fishermen families to compensate the loss due to sudden demise /missing of the bread winner and to support financially to run their family.

4. Scope.-

Under this scheme, relief assistance in the form of cash as indicated below will be extended to the fishermen family, which has been deprived of its income due to the sudden loss/missing of the bread winner of the family.-

- Rs.1.00 lakh as Immediate Death Relief Assistance for the family (legal heir) of the deceased fisherman.
- Rs.1.00 lakh in two instalments of Rs.0.50 lakh each as Immediate Relief assistance for the the family (legal heir) of the missing fisherman.

5. Eligibility Criteria .-

Scheme Component:

(a) Immediate Death Relief Assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the family(legal heir) of the deceased fishermen”

(i) Eligibility.-

(a) Deceased Fishermen shall be resident of the Union Territory of Puducherry and he / she must have lost his/her life while fishing.

(b) Deceased Fishermen shall be within the age group of 18-60 years and a person who is not a beneficiary of the Old Age Pension scheme.

(c) Deceased Fishermen should have enrolled as member in Fishermen/Fisherwomen Cooperative Society.

(d) 'No Claim' Certificate in respect of financial assistance extended by Revenue Department should be obtained from Department of Revenue and Disaster Management for consideration.

(e) The family(legal heir) of the deceased fishermen should apply to the department along with photograph of the family(legal heir) of the deceased and also enclose the above documents:

(ii) Pattern of assistance.-

Cash assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh to the family(legal heir) of deceased fishermen within 15 days to 3 months of time from the date of receipt of application as in Annexure-I and II from the affected family

(b) Immediate Relief assistance of Rs.1.00 lakh for the family(legal heir) of the missing fishermen.

(i) Eligibility.-

(a) Missing Fishermen shall be resident of the Union Territory of Puducherry and he/she must have been lost in the sea.

(b) Missing Fishermen shall be within the age group of 18-60 years and a person who is not a beneficiary of the Old Age Pension scheme.

(c) Missing Fishermen should have enrolled themselves as member in Fishermen/Fisherwomen Cooperative Society.

(d) No Claim Certificate in respect of financial assistance extended by Revenue Department should be obtained from Department of Revenue and Disaster Management for consideration

(e) Affected family should apply to the department alongwith photograph of the family(legal heir) of the missing fisherman for consideration and enclosing the following documents:

- (i) FIR and Non – traceable Certificate from respective the Station House Officer of Police Department.
- (ii) Certificate from the President/ Administrator of Fishermen/Fisherwomen Cooperative Society
- (iii) Copy of Election identity card copy and copy of the ration card (or) House Tax receipt as proof for residence.
- (iv) Statement of next kin of missing person, statement of panchayathars statement of persons who have lastly seen the missing person etc., should be enclosed.
- (v) Affidavit in Rs.5/- stamp paper affirming the claimants of death relief assistance as the family(legal heir) of the missing fishermen duly sworn in before a Notary Public.
- (vi) Advertisement / news paper report of the missing person in Gazette in Tamil / Local news paper, Municipality / Commune Panchayat office, Ration shop and Police Station in the vernacular language.

(ii) Committee.-

A committee comprising the following officials to ascertain the genuineness of missing fisherman, finalize and extend relief to the legal heir of the missing fisherman.

- (a) Director of Fisheries
- (b) Deputy Director of Fisheries (Welfare)
- (c) Deputy Director of Fisheries (Mechanization)
- (d) Deputy Thasildar/VAO., Taluk office of concerned firka
- (e) Station House Officer, Police Department of concerned Jurisdiction
- (f) 2 fishermen like elected local representative of respective village

(iii) Pattern of assistance.-

(a) Cash assistance @ Rs.1.00 lakh will be extended in two phases after scrutiny of application and approval of the Government. Initially, a cash assistance of 50% i.e. Rs.0.50 lakh will be extended within 3 months from the date of receipt of application in Annexure -I from the family (legal heir) of missing fishermen regarding the incident with authenticated documents. The family (legal heir) of the missing fisherman should approach this Department for the release of balance 50% of relief which will be deposited in the bank in a joint account in the name of kin (Legal heir) and the competent authority concerned. This deposited relief assistance of Rs.0.50 lakh shall be released after 9 months of period from the date of release of 1st part of lumpsum for the family(legal heir) of the missing fishermen . In case of return of the missing fishermen, the amount extended as compensation either Rs.0.50 lakh or Rs.1.00 lakh as the case may be, will be recovered by invoking insurance bond.

(b) The ex-gratia amount will be released to the next of kin of the missing person, subject to the condition that they should execute an indemnity bond to the value of Rs.1.00 lakh. In addition to that, a certificate will be obtained as follows:

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I _____ S/o./ D/o./ W/o. _____ the next of kin of _____ do hereby agree and undertake to repay the amount received from Government of Puducherry as ex-gratia alongwith another equal amount in the event of my relative said to be now missing is traced out later on and on finding that I have received the said amount fraudulently. I also agree to the condition that penal action may be taken against me under the relevant provision of the Indian penal code for making fraudulent claim. .

Signature of the next of kin

(c) If no further information is received about the missing person, the balance amount will be released in favour of the next kin(legal heir), after the prescribed period of 9 months from the date of release of 1st part of lumpsum.

(d) Also indemnity bond for Rs.1.00 lakh will be executed between Director of Fisheries and the next of kin of missing fishermen. The affected fishermen family should apply in the application as in Annexure-I and II

6. Targetted Group .-

Fishermen fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

7. Mode of distribution.-

Affected fishermen families (legal heir) should directly approach the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare / sub-offices of out-lying regions in all the four regions and apply along with relevant documents for relief assistance for consideration. The affected family (legal heir) should apply immediately within 30 days from the date of event for consideration in case of death of the fishermen and also within 30 days of period from the date of missing of fishermen with authenticated documents. Necessary expenditure sanction of Government will be obtained and relief assistance extended within short period of time.

8. Delegation Authority.-

The Director of Fisheries will release the amount as per the recommendation of standing committee.

9. Interpretation and clarification.-

If any doubt arises with regard to interpretation of any of the provisions of this scheme and implementations thereof, the matter shall be referred to the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry whose decision thereon shall be final.

2) This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry vide their U.O.NO. 12274/10/F4, dated 13.10.2010.

/BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT - GOVERNOR /


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