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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O. Ms. No. 13/FY/390, Puducherry, dated 31st March 2023)

NOTIFICATION

In partial modification of the G.O. Ms. No. 10/Fy., dated 26-05-2009 and in supersession of the Notifications No. 4-3/2009-10/Mech(BR), dated 01-12-2009, No. 4-3/2009 – 10/Mech (BR), dated 14-10-2013, G.O. Ms. No. 7/Fy., dated 17-06-2016 and G.O. Ms. No. 05/Fy., dated 31-05-2018 of the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry, save as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to approve the revision of existing scheme component “Spot exemption on levy of Sales tax into Spot exemption of Sales tax on High Speed Diesel oil (HSD) and Reimbursement of Diesel subsidy maximum of ₹ 12 per litre together” subject to the conditions and restrictions as specified under this notification, namely:-

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**I. Eligibility Criteria****1. General**

The applicant shall satisfy the following general requirements for eligibility for extending subsidies/grants.-

- (a) The applicant should be either belonging to the Fishermen Community or be one of those who are professionally engaged in fishing/fish trade occupation on full-time basis/prospective entrepreneurs.
- (b) The applicant must have resided in the Union territory of Puducherry for a continuous period of not less than five years at the time of making the applications for extending subsidies/grants
- (c) The applicant must have been enrolled as a member in the Fishermen Co-Operative Society and be of above the age of 23 years and below 60 years and must not have been a recipient of Old Age Pension, issued by any of the Departments.
- (d) The applicant should not be employed in Government / Government Undertakings/Co-operative Societies even on part-time basis.
- (e) The applicant must not have any dues to be paid to the Department/Fishermen Co-operative Societies/The Pondicherry Fishing Harbour Management Society, Puducherry/The Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation Limited, Puducherry (in case of Puducherry region only)/The Karaikal Fishermen Co-operative Marketing Union Limited, Karaikal (in case of Karaikal region only)/at the time of making application.

**2. Specific Criteria**

- (a) The applicant should possess a registered mechanized boat/motorized fishing crafts and the fishing licence should have been renewed on annual basis, as the case may be.

- (b) The applicant should have renewed the Diesel Passbook on monthly basis.
- (c) The applicant should submit bills as proof of having drawn diesel, from the authorized bunks.
- (d) Should not have ventured for fishing during notified fishing ban period.
- (e) The fishing boats must be compliant on colour coding, Registration under ReAL Craft program, fitted with mandatory life saving appliances, navigational and communication equipments.
- (f) Should not have indulged in destructive fishing practices especially in purse seining and pair trawling fishing operations.
- (g) The registered boats should be covered against marine risks under an insurance policy.
- (h) Should furnish fish catch statistic reports on biannual basis as prescribed in diesel book.
- (i) Diesel permit will be issued only on production of original Diesel Passbook and the Passbook should be properly updated by the designated diesel outlets, Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare and its Branch Offices in the respective regions. Duplicate Passbook will be issued on production on missing/ non-traceable certificate from Police Station and a fee of ₹ 50 will be collected for issue of duplicate Passbook.
- (j) On production of diesel subsidy Passbook, the daily permit should be issued and the quantity of diesel issued should be recorded in the Passbook by the Department and its Branch Offices in the respective regions. Thereafter, the Passbook entry should be thoroughly checked and properly updated by the respective designated diesel bunk authorities.
- (k) The sale of diesel up to the specified quantity subject to the ceiling limit per day prescribed under this Scheme shall be eligible for the grant of such subsidy.

## II. Pattern of Assistance

The registered mechanized boat owners shall be entitled for a total diesel subsidy not exceeding ₹ 12 per litre of diesel which includes both spot exemption of applicable VAT on respective regions and reimbursement of the balance amount as below:

(a) Registered boat owner can avail spot exemption of applicable VAT, as modified from time to time by the Commercial Tax Department on High Speed Diesel oil consumed by a registered fishing boat from the notified diesel outlets.

(b) For reimbursement, the balance amount of diesel subsidy after deducting the VAT subsidy from ₹ 12 per litre (in total not exceeding ₹ 12 per litre) shall be reimbursed to the quantity of diesel lifted for VAT subsidy within the maximum permissible quantity of diesel per boat per annum, as revised by Government from time to time.

(c) The mode of payment (reimbursement) shall be made through DBT to the Aadhaar linked Bank accounts of the registered boat owners in four quarters *viz.*, April 1st to June 30th, July 1st to September 30th, October 1st to December 31st and January 1st to March 31st of every year.

## III. The following diesel bunks are designated for the purpose of diesel subsidy to fishermen, namely:-

(a)	Puducherry	The Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation Diesel Bunk at Fishing Harbour Complex, Thengaithittu, Puducherry.
(b)	Karaikal	The Karaikal Fishermen Co-operative Marketing Union Diesel Bunk at Karaikalmedu, Karaikal and also at Fishing Harbour premises, Karaikal.
(c)	Yanam	The Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation Diesel Bunk at Savithiri Nagar, Yanam.
(d)	Mahe	The Mavoor Trade Links, Mahe.

It is further ordered that the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry is empowered and authorized to designate or redesignate additional diesel outlets for this purpose as and when exigencies arise.

#### **IV. Other Terms and Conditions**

(i) Exemption from the levy of tax on the sale of diesel shall be subject to the duly registered fishing vessels as defined under the Puducherry Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 2008 (Act No. 6 of 2008) and the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 by the Authorized Officer of the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen, Puducherry and its Branch Offices located in the Union territory of Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the said Department) and actually engaged in fishing activities alone is eligible to avail the diesel subsidy under this Scheme and shall be issued with a diesel subsidy Passbook:

(ii) Provided that any owner of the fishing vessel who is found guilty in respect of fishing vessel and against whom penalty is levied in terms of sub-clause (iii) of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 18 of the said Act, shall not be eligible for such diesel subsidy under this Scheme.

(iii) Provided further that the registration of the fishing vessel and the fishing licence of the fishing boats are liable for cancellation/ revocation if, it is determined that HSD oil drawn is utilized for the purpose other than fishing purpose.

(iv) On production of diesel subsidy Passbook and daily permit should be issued and the quantity of diesel issued should be recorded in the Passbook and the Passbook should be properly updated by the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry and its Branch Officers in the respective regions. The sale of diesel up to the specified quantity subject to the ceiling limit per day prescribed under this Scheme shall be eligible for the grant of such subsidy.

(v) An Authorized Officer under PMFRA, 2008 (Act No. 6 of 2008) not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Fisheries or any other official authorized by the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry shall verify the records and register of the designated diesel bunks on any working day.

(vi) The monthly sales details of the diesel sold to fishermen for fishing activities by the designated bunk shall be duly verified and certified by the Officer of this Department not below the rank of Inspector of Fisheries or as authorized by the Director and the certificate shall be in the Form annexed hereto and such certificate in duplicate for each designated bunk separately, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner (CT) on or before 15th of the succeeding month.

(vii) The Scheme Implementing Officer will obtain details of High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil availed by the registered boat owners from designated diesel outlets in the Union territory of Puducherry along with Proforma annexed with this notification and Bank Account Number as well as particulars of fishing conducted by them in Form-VII as prescribed under Puducherry Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2009.

(viii) After scrutiny of the bills, the Department will submit admissible bills every quarter to the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, who, in turn, will make payment to the beneficiaries account through DBT mode.

(ix) The Department will also maintain a register showing admissible quantity of diesel claimed by the boat owners, actuals, claimed by the Department with Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry and disallowed quantity, if any, with reasons. The register will be maintained and countersigned by the Scheme Implementing Officer each time the bills are presented to Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries *i.e.*, in every quarter.

(x) Stringent monitoring of the movements of the these boats for fishing purpose has to be carried out by Pondicherry Fishing Harbour Management Society in Puducherry region and a report be submitted on daily basis to Deputy Director of Fisheries (Mechanization). The Regional Officer also have to maintain monitoring of these boats on daily basis strictly subject to the conditions stipulated in this notification.

(xi) Supply of HSD to registered fishing boats shall be effected directly to the built in tanks fitted into the registered fishing crafts. If, any deviation in the matter is found out, then the suppliers of the diesel and the registered boat owner would be penalized by withholding supply of diesel for determined period of 3 months from the date of such events, besides initiating action on staff who deviates from this procedure.

(xii) The Department will install RFID enabled diesel tanks coupled with development of software by the Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-Operative Federation Limited, so that the permits issued are digitized and simultaneously the diesel pump will dispense only the quantity which had been permitted.

(xiii) Monitoring the movement of the boat for fishing on a daily/voyage basis to be carried out by all Scheme Implementing Officers by obtaining a voyage trip log sheet from the registered fishing boat owners as mandatory required and specified in the Form-IV attached to the diesel Passbook.

**V. Eligible maximum quantities of diesel permitted per day/per trip/per annum for registered fishing boats are prescribed hereunder—**

Sl. No.	Type of Boat	Length of period of fishing	Diesel per trip	Maximum permissible quantity of diesel per annum
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Wooden mechanized fishing boat/ Steel mechanized fishing boat.	Multi-day fishing	300 litres/day, subject to a maximum of 3-4 voyage for multi-day fishing crafts, subject to a maximum, of 36,000 litres, during the peak fishing seasons from June to September, every year, as notified by the Government.	40,000 litres
2	Wooden mechanized fishing boat.	Daily fishing	150 litres per day for the ensuing period.	36,000 litres

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3	FRP boat/ cattamaram Vallam/Nava/ Wooden Nava above 20 ft. with diesel driven OBM/IBM.	Per day	20 litres per day for the ensuing period.	6,000 litres
4	Traditional cattamaram, Nava fitted with OBM/IBM.	Per day	15 litres per day for the ensuing period.	4,000 litres

2. All other conditions stipulated in the earlier notifications *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 10/Fy., dated 26-05-2009 shall remain unaltered.

3. This issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their ID. No. 2435/FC/FD/F3/A4/2022-23, dated 31-03-2023.

4. This order shall takes effect from the date of issue of Notification.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**S. MURUGESAN,**  
Under Secretary to Government (Fisheries).



## ANNEXURE-I

## FORM

[See paragraph-vi (IV)]

**DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN WELFARE,  
PUDUCHERRY**

**Monthly Sales Report of the Diesel Sold to Fishermen for Fishing  
Activities**

Name of the designated bunk :

TIN Number :

Address :

Report for the month of :

This is to certify that the above designated bunk authorized by this Department has effected the following sale of diesel to the fishermen in ..... region.

Sl. No.	Type of Boat	Total number of boats to whom diesel was sold	Total litres of diesel sold during the month	Total value of diesel sold (in ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Wooden mechanized fishing boat/Steel mechanized fishing boat.			
2	Wooden mechanized fishing boat.			
3	FRP boat/Cattamaram/Vallam/Nava/Wooden nava above 20 ft. with diesel driven OBM/IBM.			
4	Traditional cattamaram, Nava fitted with OBM/IBM.			



I certify that the above details were duly cross verified with the records maintained by the above designated bunk and found that they have fulfilled the conditions laid down in the Notification.

Place : **AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE DESIGNATED DIESEL**  
Date : **BUNK OUTLETS, PUDUCHERRY/KARAIKAL/MAHE/YANAM.**

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