



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Fisheries Department - Project Proposal of Aquatic Animal Health Surveillance and Management - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

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### FISHERIES & PORTS (C)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.310/2024/F&P Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 18-06-2024

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Read 1 Letter No. DFTVM/1286/2024-K1 dated 08.05.2024 from the Director of Fisheries,Thiruvananthapuram

2 Minutes of the Departmental Working Group meeting held on 25.05.2024 (Item No.2) .

### ORDER

The Director of Fisheries as per the letter read above submitted a Project Proposal "Aquatic Animal Health Surveillance and Management" for an amount of Rs.80.00 lakhs under the Head of Account 2405-00-101-52-34-3(P) and has requested administrative sanction for the same.

2)Outbreaks of fish diseases pose a severe threat and hampers fish production. Surveillance, timely intervention, prevention,containment and routine monitoring are the major strategies which are very essential for the control and management of epidemics and prevention of economics loss. Effective surveillance programme is essential for ensuring early detection and quick response to control further outbreak of diseases. In the line, state level and district level Fish Disease Surveillance and Management team has been functioning. The objectives of the project are as follows:

- To ensure regular surveillance and management for fish disease.
- To conduct PCR and microbiological screening of the aquatic animal.
- To effectively function the 7 Aquatic animal health labs under the Department.

- To strengthen the surveillance and diagnostic networks for health screening of aquatic animals.
- To effectively implement the Kerala Fish Seed Act, 2014 through establishing central inspection team.
- Monitoring and regulating fish seed marketing, export, import, rearing and stoking of fish seed.
- To create awareness among hatchery operators, seed rearing farmers, fish farmers etc. about the provisions of the Act and Rules.
- To ensure the supply of quality seed to fish farmers of the State.

3) The expenditure of Rs.80.00 lakh would be met from the head of account 2405-00-101-52-34-3 (P) from the State budget provision. The project will be implemented by the Department of Fisheries in association with State Fish Seed Centre. Tests will be conducted in the labs and the monitoring and evaluation will be done by Special cell at Directorate level. The rates for different tests will be fixed at Government level based on the recommendations of Director of Fisheries. The revenue generated from these will be remitted to the Government. State Fish Seed Centre will implement the constitution and working of the central inspection cum seed analysis squad. This will be governed as per the provisions of the Kerala Fish Seed Act, 2014.

4)The financial components of the project are as follows:

| Sl No. | Particulars                                | Amount(in lakh) |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| 1      | Functioning of Aquatic Animal Health Labs  | 64.12           |
| 2      | Central Inspection cum seed analysis squad | 15.88           |
|        | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>80.00</b>    |

5) The Departmental Working Group meeting held on 25.05.2024 discussed the proposal in detail and decided to approve the proposal subject to the condition that proposal to be routed to Finance Department for concurrence on Manpower Component.

6) Considering the recommendation of the Departmental Working Group, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the project proposal "Aquatic Animal Health Surveillance and

Management” for an amount of Rs.80 lakhs (Rupees Eighty lakhs only) under the Head of Account 2405-00-101-52-34-3(P) for the period 2023-24, subject to the condition that proposal to be routed to Finance Department for concurrence on Manpower Component.

7) The Director of Fisheries will take further necessary action in the matter.

(By order of the Governor)  
K S SRINIVAS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief, Agriculture, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General, Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General, (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Finance Department.

The Planning & Economic Affairs Department.

The Deputy Director II, Web and New Media, I&PRD, Thiruvananthapuram.

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