

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Fisheries & Ports Department-Project Proposal 'Conversion of Kerosene Operated Engines to Petrol Engines and LPG in Fishing Crafts (2026-27)'-Administrative Sanction accorded-Order Issued.

FISHERIES & PORTS (B) DEPARTMENT**G.O.(Rt)No.509/2026/F&P****Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 22-08-2026**

Read 1 Letter No.DFTVM/1662/2026-K1 dated 14/08/2026 from the Director of Fisheries

2 Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 22/08/2026

ORDER

The Director of Fisheries, as per letter read above, has requested to accord Administrative Sanction for the project proposal 'Conversion of Kerosene Operated Engines to Petrol Engines and LPG in Fishing Crafts (2026-27)', after placing before Department Working Group. The details are as follows:

- Project period : 2026-27
- Project Outlay : Rs. 1,95,66,650/-
- Total State Share required : Rs.99,99,987.50/-
- Source of fund : State Budget
- Head of Account : 2405-00-110-96 (P)
- Implementation : Department of Fisheries

2.The Objectives are as follows:

- To promote the adoption of cleaner and sustainable alternative fuels, namely Petrol and LPG, as substitutes for kerosene for propulsion of fishing crafts.
- To facilitate the gradual replacement and conversion of kerosene-operated Outboard Motors (OBMs) to Petrol-operated engines and LPG-powered systems.
- To reduce the operational difficulties faced by traditional fishermen due to the declining availability of kerosene and ensure uninterrupted fuel supply through readily available alternative fuels.
- To improve the efficiency, performance and reliability of fishing vessels,

thereby enhancing fishing operations and productivity.

- To reduce the maintenance and repair costs associated with kerosene-operated engines by promoting modern, fuel-efficient propulsion systems.
To reduce the operational cost of fishing through the adoption of efficient and economically viable fuel alternatives.
- To minimize environmental pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging the use of cleaner fuels in the marine fisheries sector.
- To promote sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally responsible fishing practices among traditional fishermen while improving their livelihood and income

3. The Project Components and subsidy details are as follows:

A.Component I - Conversion of Kerosene-Operated Engines to Petrol Engines:

- Subsidy per beneficiary - Rs.50,000/-
- Subsidy released in two installments of Rs.25,000/- each
- Number of units proposed-187 engines
- Total cost of Component I of the project- Rs.18,700,000/-
- Beneficiary share - Rs 50,000 x 187 :-Rs.93,50,000/-
- Total subsidy requirement- Rs 50,000 x 187 = Rs.93,50,000/-

B.Component II- Conversion of Kerosene-Operated Engines to LPG:

- Cost of 9.9 HP LOT LPG Kit including installation charges, maintenance support, and training for fishermen and mechanics -Rs.27,666/- per unit.
- Cost of LPG Cylinder and Security Deposit-Rs.7,000 per unit
- Cost for one unit is - Rs.34,666 /-
- The cost for 25 unit -Rs.8,66,650/-
- 25 % of the total cost is the beneficiary share - Rs.2,16,662.50/-
- 75% state share - Rs 6,49,987.50/-
- Total state share for the project is - Rs. 6,49,987.50/-

4. As per minutes read above, the Department Working Group meeting held on 22.08.2026 has approved the said project subject to condition that Beneficiary share should be included in the Administrative Sanction.

5. Considering the decision of the Departmental Working Group, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the project proposal 'Conversion of Kerosene Operated Engines to Petrol Engines and LPG in Fishing Crafts (2026-27)' at an outlay of **Rs.1,95,66,650/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Five Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Sixty Hundred and Fifty Only) which includes State Share as Rs.99,99,987.50/- and Beneficiary share as 95,66,662.50/-**, under Head of Account 2405-00-110-96 (P).

(By order of the Governor)
ABDUL NASAR B I A S
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, Matsyafed, Thiruvananthapuram

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

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

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