

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

Fisheries & Ports Department - Project Proposal Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending (2025-26)' - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders Issued.

FISHERIES & PORTS (B) DEPARTMENT**G.O.(Rt)No.383/2025/F&P****Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 31-05-2025**

Read 1 Letter No.DFTVM/1286/2024-K1-Part(1) dated 30-04-2025 from the Director of Fisheries ,Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 17/05/2025

ORDER

The Director of Fisheries, as per the letter read as 1st paper above, submitted a project proposal 'Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending (2025-26)' for a total outlay of Rs.400 lakh and requested Administrative Sanction for the project.The brief of the project is as follows:

1. Name of the project : Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending
2. Project period : 2025-26
3. Total Cost of the Project : Rs.400 lakh
4. Source of fund : State Budget
5. Head of Account : 2405-00-103-80 (P)
6. Implementing Agency : MATSYAFED

2) The components of the project are as follows :

- i. Interest subvention to fishermen for procurement of fishing inputs through schemes of NCDC/NBCFDC/NMDFC
- ii. Interest subvention to women vendors for fish vending.

3) The objectives of the project are as follows :

- To safe guard, the traditional registered fishermen having membership in primary fishermen co-operatives, from incurring heavy input cost by way of interest subvention.

- To make them able to avail loans interest free from Matsyafed under NCDC assisted schemes for procuring fishing inputs.
- To make fishermen owners of the fishing units without investing too much money and that too within a short period of time.
- To bring fishermen to beach level auction system of Matsyafed.
- To attract more traditional fishermen towards a structured platform where they are not exploited.
- To help the fisher women to effectively carryout their livelihood activities to become self-reliant.
- To make the fisher women free from unserviceable debt and exploitation.
- To improve the socio-economic condition of fisher women and to reduce poverty from among the fisher folk.
- To assist the fisher women and make them engaged in income generating activities.
- To sharpen their financial management skills by Capacity Building.
- To generate more employment opportunities for women in fishing communities.
- To create awareness among fishermen on the need of social participation and institutionalization.

4) Beneficiaries of the project are as follows;

- Traditional registered fishermen having membership in primary fishermen co-operative societies affiliated to Matsyafed are the beneficiaries of the project for the procurement of fishing inputs.
- The registered women fish vendors belonging to artisanal fishermen families who are engaged in fish vending.

5) The Departmental Working Group held on 17/05/2025 examined the proposal in detail and approved the proposal, as per minutes read as 2nd paper above.

6) Considering the decision of the Departmental Working Group, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the Project 'Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending (2025-26)' at a total cost of **Rs.400 lakh (Rupees Four Crore only)**.

7) The expenditure for this purpose will be met from the budget allocation for the financial year 2025-26, under the Head of Account 2405-00-103-80 (P).

(By order of the Governor)

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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, Matsyafed, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit),Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

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

The Chief, Agriculture, State Planning Board

Finance Department.

Planning and Economic Affairs Department

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