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Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 6th November, 2020

To
The Special Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in-charge of
Department of Fisheries of the State Governments/UTs (As per Annexure)

Subject: Revisions in the Operational Guidelines of the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

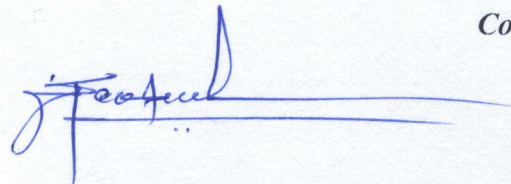
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to inform that this Department is implementing a flagship scheme the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana(PMMSY) - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India" at a total investment of Rs. 20050 crores for a period of 5(five) years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all the States and Union Territories(UTs). Administrative Approval and detailed Operational Guidelines of the PMMSY have been issued on 12.6.2020 and on 24th June, 2020 respectively. The Operational Guidelines issued vide this Department's letter of even number dated 24th June, 2020 are also uploaded in this Department's website (<http://www.dof.gov.in>).

2. It is further informed that the PMMSY *inter-alia* provides that the Department of Fisheries (DoF) will also undertake necessary modification to the Operational Guidelines within the broad framework of the PMMSY based on sectoral needs and feedback/demands from the End Implementing Agencies (EIAs) during the course of implementation of PMMSY. In pursuance of the provisions mentioned above and based on the requests made by States/UTs during the revised meeting held in the recent past, the approval of Competent Authority is hereby conveyed to the following revisions/amendments to the Operational Guidelines of the PMMSY:

- (i) To increase the number open sea cages for individual as well as group beneficiaries under the activity of Open Sea Culture
- (ii) To increase the number of reservoir cage both for individual and group beneficiaries under the activity of Installation of cages in Reservoirs.
- (iii) Amend the clause relating to restriction of transfer of asset crated under PMMSY
- (iv) Amend the clause relating to appraisal of proposals under Integrated Modern Coastal fishing Villages
- (v) inclusion of below mentioned activities under PMMSY:
 - a. Extension of cage cultivation in rivers, brackish water, lakes and estuaries under the Centrally Sponsored Component,
 - b. Development of fishing harbours along the rivers wherever feasible under the Centrally Sponsored Component,
 - c. To take up river ranching under Central Sector Scheme component of PMMSY,

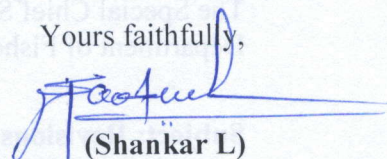
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3. The details of the revisions/amendments to the Operational Guidelines of the PMMSY are furnished at Annexure.

4. The States/UTs may use the aforesaid details for implementation of the PMMSY

Yours faithfully,



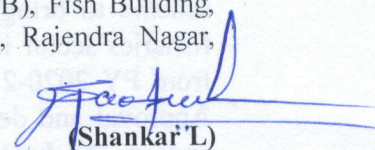
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1. **Copy for information and necessary action to :** The Commissioner/Director of Fisheries the States/UTs.
2. **Copy to :** The Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Fish Building, Near Pillar No. 235, P.V.N.R Express Way, National Police Academy Post, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad-500 052.



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Annexure

Revisions in the existing Activities and amendment in the Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

1. Revisions in the Operational Guidelines

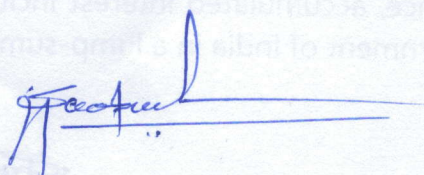
The following revisions in the operational Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) have been approved.

1.1 Open Sea Cage Culture;

- (a) To increase number of open sea cages for individual beneficiary from 5 cages to 10 cages per individual beneficiary under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component of the PMMSY.
- (b) To increase open sea cages in case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach from the current ceiling of 50 cages per group up to a ceiling of 60 cages per group at the rate of 4 cages per member of the group.

Accordingly the clause at Sl. No. 2.4 (iv) of Annexure II of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY issued on 24.6.2020 now reads as below:

"The governmental assistance is restricted to (a) a maximum of 10 cages per individual beneficiary (b) In case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach, the number of cages for governmental assistance will be limited to 4 x number of members of such group with a ceiling of 60 cages per group".



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1.2 Reservoir Cage Cultivation

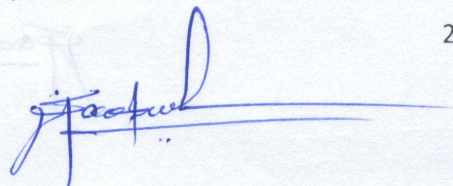
- (a) To increase number of reservoir cages for each individual beneficiary from 5 cages to 18 cages per individual beneficiary under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component of the PMMSY.
- (b) To increase reservoir cages in case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach from the current ceiling of 20 cages per group up to a ceiling of 72 cages per group at the rate of 6 cages per member of the group.

Accordingly the clause at Sl. No. 5.5 (a) (v) of Annexure II of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY issued on 24.6.2020 now reads as below:

"The governmental assistance is restricted to (a) a maximum of 18 cages per individual beneficiary (b) In case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach, the number of cages for governmental assistance will be limited to 6 x number of members of such group with a ceiling of 72 cages per group".

1.3 Restriction of transfer of assets created under PMMSY

- (a) To insert a suitable additional stipulation in the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY indicating that assets created either on own or lease land/water body out of the assistance provided under PMMSY shall not be disposed off in any form including by way of sale, gift, transfer and lease for a minimum period of 7 years in case of non-infrastructure projects and 10 years in case of infrastructure projects from the date of sanction of project. In case, the project beneficiary disposes off the assets created out of the assistance of PMMSY within the restricted, the beneficiary shall return the entire central financial assistance availed till that point of time along with accrued interest, if any, on the central financial assistance. In addition, penal interest @ 12% per annum on the central financial assistance shall also be charged. The entire central financial assistance, accumulated interest including penal interest shall be paid to Government of India in a lump-sum single installment.



1.4 Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of NFDB to appraise the Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher Villages (IMCFV) Proposals

- (a) The 'Para 6.1(iv) of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY' relating to Integrated Modern Coastal Fisheries Villages (IMCFVs) as below:

"The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of PMMSY in the NFDB will select the villages for developing as Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher villages and towards this end the PAC may seek assistance of any Agency if considered necessary. The Villages would be ranked and selected on the basis of a set of criteria formulated by PAC of NFDB to enable inter-village comparison of the potential villages".

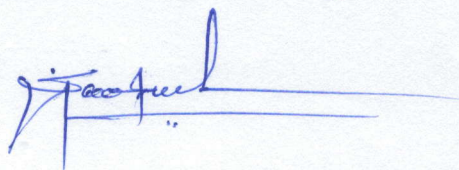
- (b) It is also approved that the activity of Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher Villages may be implemented in a cluster mode wherever feasible, as implementation on a cluster mode is one of the key features of PMMSY.

2. Inclusion of additional activities under PMMSY

2.1 Inclusion of the additional activities as below have been approved for taking up under the PMMSY:

2.1.1 Extension of cage cultivation in rivers, brackish water, lakes and estuaries under centrally sponsored scheme component of PMMSY with stipulation that the cost norms prescribed for reservoir cage cultivation under PMMSY may be followed in case of establishment of cage in suitable rivers, brackish water, lakes and estuaries under PMMSY.

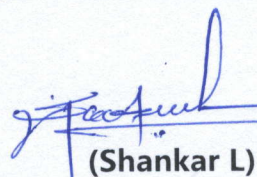
2.1.2 Development of fishing harbours along the rivers wherever feasible to promote the inland fishing and post harvest activities, especially inland capture fisheries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Component of the PMMSY. Development of inland fishing harbours is



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in addition to the fishing harbours that would be developed in marine sector. The cost norms approved under CSS Component of PMMSY for development of fishing harbours would be applicable both for inland and marine fishing harbours. The Operational Guidelines of PMMSY for development of marine fishing harbours would also be applicable to the inland fishing harbours to the extent relevant.

- 2.1.3 To take up river ranching under Central Sector Scheme component of the PMMSY. The proposal would be considered on a DPR basis and the river ranching may be done with native species.


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