

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE SECTOR UMBRELLA SCHEME COMPONENT “MMKY- INPUT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR TAKING UP FISH FARMING IN FARM PONDS” during FY 2025-26

1. INTRODUCTION

Farm Ponds are being developed in the State under MGNREGS by the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development and Department of PR&DW, wherein beneficiaries belonging to small/ marginal farmer category are provided with full financial support for excavation of the pond in their own farm land. These ponds have high potential to be used for raising both fish fingerlings and growing marketable size fish, basing on water retention capacity under this scheme. It is targeted to provide Input assistance to the farmers, who have excavated farm ponds under MGNREGA through various Departments viz. the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development Mission and PR & DW Department for facilitating production of Fingerling and fish, under this scheme.

2. OBJECTIVE

- To increase the inland fish production.
- To enhance the income of farmers in the State through aquaculture.

3. TARGET

- Under the scheme, farmers will be targeted for providing Input Assistance for taking up fish farming in farm ponds.
- The district wise target will be communicated by the Director of Fisheries.
- Depending on the feasibility and actual area developed, the DFOs can re-allot the targets within the district.

4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The scheme shall be implemented by the Directorate of Fisheries through its field functionaries all over the State with the budget provision made under the State sector umbrella scheme “MMKY-Input Assistance to Farmers for taking up Fish Farming in Farm Ponds” under MMKY.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARIES

- i. Must be a resident of Odisha.
- ii. Must have a bank account in his/her name in the State of Odisha.
- iii. The Farm ponds excavated by beneficiaries under various Government schemes including Watershed Development Projects & MGNREGA through the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development /Department of PR & DW etc. will be eligible for availing support for stocking of fingerlings under this scheme.
- iv. While availing subsidy, beneficiary family will be considered instead of individual member of family. One beneficiary family should not be provided with multiple

benefit under one particular scheme. A family will not be eligible for subsidy under the same scheme if any of its members has got subsidy during last two years.

(The list of such new farm pond suitable for pisciculture shall be provided by the field functionaries of the Directorate of Soil conservation and Watershed Development/Dept. of PR & DW etc. (**Annexure-I**).

6. TYPE OF FARM POND WITH UNIT COST AND PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE:

The farm ponds of following dimensions are generally excavated by Farmers with Govt. assistance through Directorate of Soil Conservation & WD and Dept. of PR & DW Input Assistance towards Pisciculture will be provided by F & ARD Department **@ 40% for General and 60% for SC/ST/Women/Transgender/PWD category** of farmers towards cost of seed, feed & others on the Unit cost of **Rs 4.00 lakh /Ha** shall be provided. However, the subsidy shall be released basing on the actual water area of the Farm Pond developed by the farmer.

Model	Specification of Farm Pond	Seed	Feed	Other input (fertilizer, lime, Ro/pre/grow biotics, Vitamin mix, disinfectant, medicines, cast net etc.	Unit Cost (Rs)	Subsidy Assistance (Rs.)	
						General (40%)	SC/ST/Women/Transgender-PWD (60%)
1	20m x 20m	2400	10800	2800	16000	6400	9600
2	15m x 15m	1350	6075	1575	9000	3600	5400
3	10m x 10m	600	2700	700	4000	1600	2400

(Farmers are free to stock more seed as per their choice for seed raising purpose)

- *The certificate of identity as transgender person issued by District Magistrate as per “The Transgender persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 will be accepted for transgender category.*
- *For PWD the certificate of disability issued by certifying authority/ competent authority indicating 40% or more disability as per “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 will be acceptable.”*
- The farm Ponds selected under this scheme should have minimum 5 feet water depth and the pond should have sufficient water retaining capacity for minimum 5 months of culture period.
- The assistance shall be given to the farmer as a one- time support.

- The assistance shall be limited to 1.00 Ac Water spread area per beneficiary.

7. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

- i. The list of farm pond suitable for pisciculture (Fish seed rearing/Grow-out Fish Production) in each block shall be provided by the Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (ASCO) / BDO to the respective Assistant Fisheries Officer (AFO) at the Block level or the block wise list can be obtained from PD watershed / CDO-Cum-EO, ZP at the District level (in **Annexure-I**) and circulated to AFOs for further verification.
- ii. The AFO in coordination with the ASCO and PEO shall mobilize the beneficiaries who are interested to avail subsidized fish seed under this scheme to collect the application form as shown at **Annexure-II**.
- iii. The AFO will take 4 geo-tagged photos of the farm pond and finalize the list of applications & recommend the feasible farm pond to District Fisheries Officer (DFO)
- iv. DFO will share the list of farm pond to be assisted with the PD, Watershed/Assistant Director of Soil Conservation/ CDO-Cum-EO, ZP.
- v. Only those farm ponds having water retention capacity for minimum 5 months period & feasible for aquaculture will be identified & selected under the scheme. The farm ponds selected under this scheme should have minimum 5 Feet water depth during the culture period.
- vi. The DFO shall issue Go-ahead letter (**Annexure-III**) to the concerned beneficiary for stocking of fingerlings.
- vii. The fingerlings shall be procured by the beneficiaries from Govt./OPDC managed Fish seed farms/ any other private hatchery /seed grower farm of the locality only as per clarification vide lt.no. 16942 dt. 24.12.21 of DoF in this regard.
- viii. The AFO in charge of the block shall prepare a schedule for stocking of fish seed in advance & intimate the ASCO and PEO concerned.
- ix. The AFO/ any other fisheries field functionaries to ensure fish seed stocking in the farm pond & take Geo-tagged photographs and certify stocking of fish seed in farm pond.
- x. The AFO will forward the receipt towards purchase of fish seed from Government/OPDC Farm /other private hatcheries/seed growers along with the certificate regarding stocking of fish seed to the DFO.

- xi. Upon receipt of the documents, vouchers towards inputs (as per unit cost mentioned in MPY i.e. Seed-60000/-, feed-270000/- and other inputs- 70000/- per ha) the subsidy shall be released by the DFO as per actuals to the bank account of the beneficiary through DBT/NEFT/RTGS.
- xii. **Online payment to the dealers may be done by the beneficiary to maintain transparency. The mode of payment of cost worth Rs 20,000/- or more for each item of the scheme made to single/ multiple suppliers, dealer, Vendor, seller through single/ multiple transaction, shall be done through online mode like RTGS/ NEFT/ UPI payment. (for ex. the feed is considered as one item of the scheme irrespective of brand/ Suppliers/ Vendors/ Sellers). Submission of online transaction receipt by beneficiary for transaction above Rs 20,000/- for each item of the scheme is mandatory for release of subsidy. Subsidy should never be released directly to suppliers.**
- xiii. District official can enhance the allotted target upto a tune of 25% and are free to reallocate block targets as per demand (Lt. 883/FARD dt 21.1.23).
- xiv. The AFOs /DFOs should facilitate credit linkage from banks to the beneficiary for availing loans as per the requirement of the beneficiary in Bank Finance case.
- xv. A complete database shall be uploaded by the DFO to the DSS portal
- xvi. Any amendment in the guideline as per field requirement shall be done with due approval of F&ARD Department and shall be made applicable prospectively/ as described from time to time

8. TRAINING & AWARENESS

The District Fisheries Officers shall conduct one day training / awareness programme at District/Block/GP level for skill up-gradation of the beneficiaries.

9. MONITORING, REPORTING AND SUPERVISION:

Monitoring/reporting and supervision shall be done by the Director of Fisheries, Odisha through Zonal DDF / the respective District Fisheries Officers & his/her team.

10. TIMELINE

Sl.	Activity	TimeLine	Responsible Person

1.	Submission of the application to block Level Office	July	Beneficiary
2.	Initial scrutinization of application and submission of Field Feasibility report.	Within 15 days of receipt of application.	AFO
3.	Issue of Go-Ahead in favor of the beneficiary basing on the feasibility report.	Within 15 days of receipt of field verification report.	DFO
4.	Field inspection of the farm pond after stocking of fingerling by beneficiary.	Within 15 days of receipt of intimation from the beneficiary regarding completion of stocking process.	AFO & DFO
5.	Release of Subsidy to the beneficiary through DBT.	Within 15 days of completion of joint inspection.	DFO

ANNEXURE-I**List of Farm Pond of Odisha (to be submitted by PD, SC/CDO-Cum-EO,ZP),**

Sl. No.	District	Block	GP	Village	Name of Farmer	Job card No.	Mobile No.	Water Spread area of Farm Pond (Acre)	Year of Excavation of Farm Pond
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

PD, Watershed/CDO cum EO,ZP

Application Format for Pisciculture in Farm Ponds under MMKY

Sl. No.	Information to be provided
1	Name of the beneficiary:
2	Address: Village: _____ Gram panchayat: _____ Block: _____ Mobile No.: _____ (Aadhaar linked Mandatory) Aadhar No. _____ (Photocopy of Aadhar to be attached) Bank Account Details: Name of the Bank _____ IFS Code _____ Account No. _____ (Attach 1 st page Xerox copy of S/B account)
3	Category of the beneficiary- SC/ST/Women/General/Transgender/PWD _____ (in case of SC/ST beneficiary caste certificate may be attached)
4	Water Area of the Pond: Length _____, Breath _____, Depth _____ (in mtr) Area _____ (Sq.m) _____ (in Ha.)
5	Water retention capacity of Pond _____ (4 months/ 6 months/ Round the year)

6 **Type of Pisciculture to be taken up by Beneficiary:** (Put ✓ mark on the selected model)

Model-1 : Grow out in seasonal tank (6 months)		
Seed stocking in following size pond	20 gm size IMC	Minor carps
20m x 20m	240 nos.	100 nos.
15m x 15m	120 nos.	25 nos.
10m x 10m	60 nos.	25 nos.

Model-2 : Grow out in perennial tank (12 months)		
Seed stocking in following size pond	20 gm size IMC	Minor carps
20m x 20m	400 nos.	100 nos.
15m x 15m	200 nos.	50 nos.
10m x 10m	100nos.	25 nos.

Model-3 : Paddy field (Paddy-cum-Pisciculture)		
Seed stocking in following size pond	Advanced fingerling (80mm – 100mm size) IMC	Minor carps
20m x 20m	800 nos.	100 nos.
15m x 15m	400 nos.	50 nos.
10m x 10m	200 nos.	25 nos.

Model-4 : IMC fingerling raising (5 months)	
Seed stocking in following size pond	Fry (30mm – 40mm size) IMC
20m x 20m	10,000 nos.
15m x 15m	5,000 nos.
10m x 10m	2,500 nos.

7 **Input Assistance 40% for General & 60% ST/SC/Women/Transgender/PWD on the unit cost of Rs. 4.00 lakh / Ha. Water area (10,000 Sq.m) is admissible on the actual area developed proportionately.**

Specification	Unit Cost (in Rs.)	Subsidy Assistance (in Rs.)	
		General (40%)	SC/ST/Women/Transgender/PwD (60%)
20m x 20m= 400 sq. mtr	16,000	6,400	9,600

	(0.04 Ha.)				
	15m x 15m= 225 sq. mtr (0.02 Ha.)	9,000	3,600	5,400	
	10m x 10m= 100 sq. mtr (0.01 Ha.)	4,000	1,600	2,400	

Signature of beneficiary

RECOMMENDED AND VERIFIED BY

(Signature of Assistant Fisheries Officer)

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT FISHERIES OFFICERS,**GO-AHEAD LETTER****Letter No.: / Date**

Sri/Smt who is willing to do Pisciculture in Farm Pond, Plot No. ----
-----, Khata No. ----- Water area ----- of Revenue Mouza: -----, Village
-----, GP: -----, Block -----, Dist: ----- is allowed to go
ahead for stocking of fish seed in farm pond under “**MMKY-Input Assistance To Farmers
For Taking Up Fish Farming In Farm Ponds**” of State sector umbrella scheme during ----
-----.

You will be entitled to receive the input subsidy after stocking of fish seed.

Sl No.	Type of Model	Unit Cost (in Rs)	Admissible Subsidy (in Rs)	
			General @ 40 % (in Rs)	ST/SC/Women/PWD/Transgender @ 60% (in Rs)

Please note that the stocking must be completed within 2 month of issue of this Go-Ahead Letter. Further, please note that adherence to the DPR provided by the Department is mandatory for release of admissible subsidy of Input Assistance.

Kindly provide intimation on commencement, progress and stocking of fish seed to the AFO of your block from time to time.

District Fisheries Officer