

FISHERIES

The Union Territory of Puducherry comprises of four region namely, Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe & Yanam with a total coastal line of 45 kms, 1000 sq.km of continental shelves enriched with marine fisheries potential. It has a fishermen population of about 75,965 of which 20,000 nos. of fishermen are actively engaged in fishing from 27 marine fishing villages and 23 inland fishing villages/hamlets scattered in and around the Union Territory of Puducherry. This Union Territory is also endowed with 1400 Ha of fresh water area in the form of ponds and tanks suitable for both capture and culture fishery. 800 Ha of brackish water area are available for undertaking brackish water prawn culture.

Fishery Sector has become a vital sector rich with a source of livelihood for generating employment to a larger extent and sharing for national food security and earn valuable foreign exchange. Under marine sector, coastal fisheries in many parts of the country reached a saturation level and hence the unexploited potential lies in the deep sea needs to be tapped up by adopting diversified method of fishing, by implementation of code of conduct for responsible fishery (CCRF), observance of closed season in the east & west coast etc.

Various development & welfare oriented schemes is implemented with the objectives of augmenting marine, fresh water and brackish water fishery production and also for uplifting the socio-economic status of the fisherfolk. Special thrust is given to accomplish the above goals through successive plan periods. As a result, the socio-economic status of the fishermen have improved. After Tsunami more emphasis is given for alternate livelihood so as to improve the standard of living of fishermen.

Fishing Harbour at Yanam will be established with basic infrastructural facilities. 200 Ha of fresh water areas will be brought under fish culture granting input subsidy @ Rs.5,000/- per, 50% subsidy will be granted to fishermen for conversion, modernization of wooden boats with size 47' and above. It is also proposed to grant subsidy to steel mechanised boats with size 45'to 55' to exploit the untapped fishery resources in deep sea. 50% subsidy will also be granted for modifying the existing fishing vessels for Tuna long lining. 50% subsidy for insulated fish van will be granted besides encouraging mini lorry, mini truck for quick transport of fish. Three Aquarium will be established one each at Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. 100 fisherwomen will be imparted with short term training on Ornamental Fish Breeding, rearing and Fish keeping, Co-operative Management and Value

added Fishery products etc., Life saving appliances and Ice boxes will be supplied at free of cost to boat operators. Puducherry Fisheries Training Institute will be established in Puducherry and Karaikal region. One Oceanarium is proposed at Puducherry. 21,000 fishermen families will be assisted with 100 kgs Rice and Rs.750/- cash during fishing ban period. 5500 old aged fisherfolk will be granted with Old Age Pension @ Rs.750/- each per month who attained the age of 50 and above. Grant-in-aid will be given to Puducherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation and Puducherry Fishing Harbour Management Society.

PERFORMANCE DURING 2007-08

- Input subsidy amounting to Rs. 13.60 lakhs were granted to fresh water fish farmers @ Rs. 5000 per acre covering 292 acres.
- Relief assistance to 19,000 fishermen families with 100 Kgs of rice and Rs.750/- during the period of ban on fishing.
- 2790 nos were granted with Old Age Pension to aged fisherfolk @ Rs.750/- per month.
- 50% subsidy maximum of Rs. 11.00/- lakhs granted to One fishermen for procurement of mechanised steel boats.
- Reimbursement of Sales Tax on procurement of 850 klts of HSD oil to be used for fishing activities.
- 320 nos. of Mechanised boat operators were assisted with reactivation charges @ Rs.10,000/- for Wooden Mechanised Boats and Rs.5,000/- for FRP boats respectively.
- 10 nos. of boat owners were assisted with Rs. 92,000/-, 50% as subsidy on the annual premium paid by them to their Mechanized boats.
- 5 fishermen were granted with 50 % subsidy for purchase of Mopeds amounting to Rs. 75,000/-.
- Imparting Short Term Training to 100 fisherwomen on ornamental fish breeding and keeping, value added fishery products, sea weed culture, crab fattening etc., Conducted Aqua show.
- An amount of Rs.400.00 lakhs was utilized for land acquisition in Puducherry and Karaikal regions for the construction of pucca houses to Tsunami affected fishermen & Free supply of life jackets to fishing boat operators.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENT DURING 2008-09

350 acres of Fresh water area will be brought under fish culture by granting input subsidy @ Rs.5000/- per acre. Sea weed culture will be taken up. Grant of 50% subsidy to a fishermen beneficiaries for procurement of steel mechanised boats. 12 boat operators will be granted with subsidy for conversion/ modernization of existing fishing boats. Mechanised boat operators were assisted with reactivation charges @ Rs.10,000/- for Wooden Mechanised Boats/ Steel boats and Rs.5,000/- for FRP boats respectively. 1700 klts of HSD oil will be reimbursed towards payment of sales tax at the prevailing rate on procurement of diesel oil for fishing boats. Rs.60.00 lakhs worth of Fishery requisites at subsidized cost will be distributed to fishermen through fishermen co-operatives. 21,000 fishermen families will be assisted with free rice and free clothing during lean season besides distribution of 100 kgs of rice & Rs.750 as cash per families during ban period. 33,000 & 3,100 Marine/Inland fishermen respectively will be benefited under SCRF scheme. 400 meritorious students will be benefited with cash award who secured marks 75% and above in 10th and 12th Std. 5500 Old aged fisherfolk will be granted with Old Age Pension @ Rs.750/- per month.

PROPOSED TARGETS FOR 2009-10

- 350 acres of Fresh water area will be brought under fish culture by granting input subsidy @ Rs.5000/- per acre besides covering 5 acres for fresh water prawn farming. Mud crab fattening will be taken up under cage culture method.
- Grant of 50% subsidy to 4 fishermen for procurement of wooden & steel mechanised boats. 20 boat operators will be granted with subsidy for conversion/ modernization of existing fishing boats.
- 1700 klts of HSD oil will be reimburse/spot exemption towards payment of sales tax at the prevailing rate on procurement of diesel oil for fishing boats and Sales tax on HSD oil for deep sea/ multiday fishing upto 25,000/- litres.
- VHF, Wireless Walkie Talkie, Distress Alert transmitters will be supplied on free of cost. 1000 nos. of fishermen will be supplied with Ice-box at free of cost.
- 20 nos. of fishermen will be granted with subsidy for the procurement of FRP Vallam & Kakinada Nava with nets.
- 50% Subsidy for purchase of mopeds with Ice box will be granted to 12 fishermen beneficiaries.

- 3 nos. of Aquarium will be established each at Karaikal, Mahe, and Yanam.
- Construction of Fishing Harbour at Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam are proposed.
- Fishermen, fisherwomen co-operative societies will be extended with financial subsidy for fair price shop, managerial, furniture, setting up of hygienic fish sales KIOSK, Canteen Subsidy etc., Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation will be assisted with grant in aid towards establishment charges.
- 500 meritorious students will be benefited with cash award who secured marks 75% and above in 10th and 12th Std.
- 7,000 Old aged fisherfolk will be granted with Old Age Pension @ Rs.750/- per month.
- 10 nos. of fishermen will be granted subsidy for FRP cattamaran.
- Immediate Relief @ Rs. 1,00,000/- to deceased fishermen in the event of accidental death.
- Two Fisheries Training Institutes will be established.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme Name	2008-09		2009-10 Proposed Outlay
		Agreed Outlay	Anticipated Expdr.	
1.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Puducherry	--	--	0.01
2.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Karaikal	300.00	300.00	1200.00
3.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Mahe	95.63	95.63	0.01
4.	Mini Harbour at Yanam	0.01	0.01	0.01
5.	Mechanisation of traditional crafts (OBM)	23.20	23.20	0.01
6.	Rebate on High Speed Diesel Oil	14.37	14.37	0.01
7.	Saving cum relief scheme to marine fishermen	186.01	--	186.00
8.	Setting up of Fish Farmers Development Agency at Pondicherry	--	3.00	0.01
9.	Setting up of Fish Farmers Development agency at Karaikal	0.02	--	0.01
10.	Establishment Statistical Wing on Database Network	4.50	4.50	0.01
11.	Development of Model Fishing Village	--	--	0.01
Total		623.74	440.71	1386.09

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : FISHERIES

No. of Schemes : 9

Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN
WELFARE

(Rs. in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Approved Outlay	:	11057.75
Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure	:	1421.62
Annual Plan 2008-09 Approved Outlay	:	1338.00
Annual Plan 2008-09 Revised Outlay	:	1338.00
Annual Plan 2009-10 Proposed Outlay	:	2100.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-08	Annual Plan 2008-09		Annual Plan 2009-10
		Approved Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Development of freshwater aquaculture and setting up of aquarium, ornamental fish breeding center	406.80	49.26	53.74	54.77	68.81
2.	Development of Brackish water aquaculture	98.00	3.28	2.06	1.63	4.49
3.	Development of marine fisheries through mechanisation and reimbursement of sales tax on HSD oil	1720.00	49.40	124.27	84.33	222.07
4.	Assistance to small scale fishermen	86.00	0.20	0.24	17.20	--

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
5.	Development of shore based facilities, ice plants, service unit, infrastructural facilities and quick transport facilities	860.45	26.21	57.82	60.00	168.06
6.	Information, Publicity, training of fishermen, fisherwomen and fisheries personnel	124.00	12.60	20.14	26.96	48.91
7.	Strengthening of Fisheries Co-operative Institutions	220.75	58.34	35.62	40.00	171.82
8.	Supply of subsidised fishery requisites to fishermen	185.00	35.00	30.00	39.00	--
9.	Welfare and relief for fishermen during lean seasons and natural calamities	7206.75	787.53	1014.11	1014.11	1415.84
10.	Creation of Infrastructural facilities in Tsunami affected areas	150.00	399.80	--	--	--
Total		11057.75	1421.62	1338.00	1338.00	2100.00

Note : Scheme No.4 & 8 has been merged with Scheme No.3