

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 95,467 of which 29,383 nos. of fishermen are actively engaged in fishing from 27 marine fishing villages and 23 inland fishing villages/hamlets scattered in and around Union Territory of Puducherry. This Union Territory is also endowed with 2052 Ha of fresh water area in the form of Ponds and Tanks suitable for both capture and culture fishery. 1209 Ha of Brackishwater area are available for undertaking Brackish water fish and prawn culture.

Fishery Sector has become a vital sector enriched with a source of livelihood for fishermen and also generating employment to a large extent of the society as well as sharing for national food security and valuable foreign exchange earnings. Under marine sector, coastal fisheries in many parts of the country having reached a saturation level and unexploited potential which lies in the deep sea has to be tapped up by adopting diversified method of fishing. It is imperative to modernize the sector with diversified method of fishing with various new components related to exploitation of deep sea oceanic fishery resources. To exploit the deep sea fishing resources, this department is extending subsidy assistance to fishermen for procurement of steel/ FRP hulled boats.

In order to regulate the fishing efforts and to conserve the fishery resources, this department is regularizing the fishing crafts operated in the Union Territory by adopting uniform online registration, colour coding and also ensuring the sea safety equipments and marine risk insurance for safety of fishermen and fishing crafts. For conservation of fishing resources, this department is adopting uniform fishing ban during April 15th - May 31st on the east coast and June 15th to July 31st on the west coast besides making the fishermen aware of the importance of Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishery.

In order to supply protein rich food, the department is undertaking river ranching and adopting integrated freshwater aquaculture under RKVY and National Mission for protein supplements besides providing input subsidy for fish farmers and Grant in aid for 2 Fish farmers development agencies. The capacity building on Freshwater aquaculture is being imparted by Fish Farmers Development Agency. 250 acres of fresh water areas will be brought under fish culture by granting input subsidy @ ₹5,000/- per acre. Latest technology

on culture of *Littopenaeous vannaemi* , sea bass and crab fattening etc are also being inculcated to fish farmers by this department.

Various development & welfare oriented schemes are implemented from time to time with the objectives of augmenting Marine, Freshwater and Coastal fishery production as well as for uplifting the socio-economic status of the fisherfolk with due focus on safeguarding the interest of all sectors of fisher folk and for conserving the Marine, Inland and Brackish Water resources on a sustainable basis. Special thrust were focused to accomplish the above goals through the successive plan periods. As a result of it, the socio-economic status of the fishermen have developed considerably.

To encourage and motivate the fishermen students to persuade their school studies, cash awards will be given to students who secure 75% and above in Hsc ad SSLC. Fishermen youth will be deputed to CIFNET institutes to undergo training in vessel navigation course and marine fitter course . Fishing Harbour at Yanam and Mahe are under various stages of construction and steps to complete construction will be taken early. Under post harvest hygienic handling of fish, this department will provide ice boxes at subsidies cost to fish vendors.

Under welfare measures to fishermen, this department is extending Old Age Pension to 6022 fishermen , financial assistance during uniform fishing ban as well as free clothing and cash assistance during lean season to 20,400 fishermen families besides extending financial assistance @ ₹2,000/- to the families of deceased old age pensioners to meet out their funeral expenses, financial assistance @ ₹1,50,000/- and ₹2,00,000/- to the families of Missing fishermen and deceased fishermen respectively, while fishing. Fishermen are also supplied with fishery requisites at subsidized rates. The strengthening of fisheries co-operatives is undertaken by extending share capital contribution , loan and Grant in aid assistance. To further strengthen the welfare activity measures, it is proposed to establish Fisheries development Corporation , Grant in aid to Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation, Karaikal Fishermen Co-operative Marketing Union, Fish Farmers Development Agency and Fishing Harbour Management Societies, is extended to promote fishery wealth, value addition and for maintenance and management of fishing harbours.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : FISHERIES

No. of Schemes : 7

Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN
WELFARE

(Plan : 5 + CSS : 2)

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2013-14 Actual Expenditure	:	4372.31
Annual Plan 2014-15 Approved Outlay	:	5490.76
Annual Plan 2014-15 Revised Outlay	:	5340.43
Annual Plan 2015-16 Approved Outlay	:	4500.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2013-14	Annual Plan 2014-15		Annual Plan 2015-16	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Approved Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Development of Fresh Water / Brackish water aquaculture and setting up of aquarium, ornamental fish culture and breeding centre	68.33	90.06	64.47	95.54	--
2	Development of marine fisheries / shore based facilities, reimbursement of sales tax on HSD oil used by mechanized fishing vessels, assistance to small scale fishermen, infrastructural facilities and quick transport facilities.	1749.01	1482.73	1431.44	414.73	0.04
3	Information, Publicity, Training of fishermen, fisherwomen and fisheries personnel	41.82	75.95	65.78	67.51	--

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2013-14	Annual Plan 2014-15		Annual Plan 2015-16	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Approved Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
4	Strengthening of Fisheries Co-operative Institutions & Supply of subsidized fishery requisites to fishermen.	110.72	116.08	99.25	129.53	0.04
5	Welfare and relief for fishermen during lean seasons and natural calamities.	2402.43	1997.94	1950.82	2107.69	--
	Negotiated Loan		968.00	973.00	785.00	--
Total (Plan)		4372.31	4730.76	4584.76	3600.00	0.08
	Name of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme		Approved Outlay 2014-15	Revised Outlay 2014-15	Approved Outlay 2015-16	
6	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Mahe and Yanam		493.33	489.00	500.00	
7	Saving-cum-Relief for Marine Fishermen		266.67	266.67	400.00	
Total (CSS)			760.00	755.67	900.00	
Total (Plan + CSS)		4372.31	5490.76	5340.43	4500.00	0.08

Scheme No.1

Sector : FISHERIES

Implementing Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN WELFARE

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Development of Fresh Water / Brackish water aquaculture and setting up of aquarium, Ornamental fish culture and breeding center.
2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The objective of the scheme is to increase freshwater fish / brackish water fish and prawn production by providing wide extension services to fish farmers by covering all freshwater/ brackish water resources under optimal utilization and by taking up diversified fish / prawn culture, mud crab fattening (cage culture) and mariculture activities in a scientific manner, to conserve all freshwater/ brackish water resources on sustainable basis, to establish Scientific Research and development wing in order to promote Scientific farming to augment inland/ brackish water fish/ prawn production and to maintain the Government owned fish farms, and also to diagnose fish/ prawn disease and extend remedial measures, to develop Brackishwater fish/prawn which are salinity tolerant, pathogen free and to provide subsidy/ technical guidance to provide Grants-in-aid to meet out establishment and contingent charges to Fish Farmers Development Agencies, to grant input subsidy to fish / fresh water prawn farmers @ ₹5, 000/- per acre up to 5 acres per fish farmer, and maintain the aquarium tank in Government offices and “one aquarium” both marine and fresh water fish species tank will be set up to attract public and also to gain knowledge on Ornamental fishes. To train farmers on latest fish / prawn culture methods by conducting training, Field trips through Fish Farmers Development Agency . it is proposed to establish one fish hatchery to supply seeds to Fish farmers under NMPS schemes.

3. **Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :**

- 110 acres of area are covered under Fresh water Aquaculture.
- Grant-in-Aid released to 2 nos. of Fish Farmer's Development Agency.
- Setting up of 18 nos. of Aquarium in the office/residence of VIP's.

4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- 300 acres of area are covered under Fresh water Aquaculture.
- Grant-in-Aid was released to 2 nos. of Fish Farmers Development Agency.
- Setting up of 18 nos. of Aquarium in the office/residence of VIP's.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- 320 acres of area will be covered under Fresh water Aquaculture.
- Grant-in-aid will be released to 2 nos. of FFDA.
- Setting up of Aquarium.
- Setting up of 18 nos. of aquarium in the office/residence of VVIP's/VIP's and maintenance.
- 3 acres of area will be covered under Brackish water prawn farming by granting subsidy

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Pattern of assistance:

Existing components:

1. Grant-in-aid to Fish Farmer's Development Agency
2. Input subsidy @ ₹5,000/- per acre restricted to 5 acres per fish farmer per year.
3. To establish Scientific Research and Development wing.
4. Subsidy assistance maximum of ₹10,000/- per acre for brackish water fish/ prawn farming.

Creation of post :

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| 1. | Inspector of fisheries | : | 1 No. |
| 2. | Sub Inspector of fisheries | : | 2 Nos. |
| 3. | Lab Technicians | : | 2 Nos. |
| 4. | Lab Assistants | : | 2 Nos. |
| 5. | Data Entry Operator | : | 4 Nos. |
| 6. | Boat Fishery Overseer | : | 2 Nos. |
| 7. | Fishermen | : | 4 Nos. |
| 8. | M.T.S | : | 2 Nos. |
| 9. | Curator | : | 2 Nos. |
| 10. | Fieldman | : | 1 No. |

Scheme No.2

Sector : FISHERIES

Implementing Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN WELFARE

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Development of Marine Fisheries and shore based facilities , reimbursement of Sales Tax on HSD oil used by mechanized fishing vessels & Assistance to small scale fishermen
2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The Coastal fisheries has reached a saturation level, the unexploited potential lies in the deep sea. Sustainability through various initiatives such as implementation of code of

conduct for responsible fishery (CCRF), observance of closed season in the east and west coast etc., need strict compliance. The State Govt. has proposed to grant subsidies to fishermen for diversified fishing methods. It is proposed to exploit the untapped fishery potential of offshore and deep sea area and thereby providing 50% subsidy to fishermen for procurement of steel/wooden mechanised boats to a maximum of Rs 11.00 lakh and Rs 7.50 lakh respectively which is linked to bank finance. The next component is to reimburse/spot exemption of sales tax actually paid by the fishermen as per the prevailing Sales tax rate on the HSD oil used by registered mechanised boats and country crafts. The Diesel has to be procured from Bunks/outlets operated under Co-operatives /Federation/ Corporation and private bunks authorized by Government. To grant subsidy towards insurance of boats, supply of life saving appliances, insulated icebox, at free of cost, etc., to boat operators as security and safety measures. To grant financial assistance to boat operators to reactivate their boats that were kept idle during fishing ban period. The maintenance of uniform colour code on all registered marine fishing vessels shall also be taken care of. to provide shore based facilities, infrastructural facilities such as setting up of ice plants, cold storage units, service-cum-maintenance units to provide Grants-in-aid to Fishing Harbour Management Society to take up the maintenance works of the harbours, dredging, to create infrastructural facilities such as to improve fish landing facilities in the Union Territory, to provide 50% subsidy on the unit cost for purchase of Auto/auto goods carrier with 1 ton capacity mini truck with 1-3 tons capacity, mini lorry with 3-5 tons capacity, insulated fish van with 5-10 tons capacity, and to minimize post harvest loss and handling of fish in an hygienic manner, it is proposed to supply ice boxes to fish vendors.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :

- No. of boats availed spot subsidy on Sales Tax : 880 nos.
- No. of boat operators granted with reactivation charges : 605 nos.
- No. of boat operators granted with insurance subsidy : 58 nos.
- Grant-in-Aid released to fishing Harbour Management Society.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- 50% Subsidy to 12 fishermen for procurement of Steel mechanized boats.
- 580 fishermen were benefited under Quantity of Diesel oil to be reimbursed with Sales Tax.
- 581 nos. of Boat Operators were benefited with reactivation charges
- 5 fishermen were benefited with subsidy for procurement of FRP Vallam with nets.
- Grant-in-Aid released to fishing Harbour Management Society.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- 50% bank linked subsidy will be released for purchase of 2 nos. of wooden mechanized boats (47' & above).
- 50% subsidy will be released for purchase of 2 nos. of steel mechanized boats (47'to 59').
- 4 nos. of fishermen will be benefited with subsidy for procurement of FRP Vallam with nets.
- 5 nos. of fishermen will be benefited with subsidy for procurement of FRP navas.
- 25 nos. of fishermen will be benefited with subsidy for procurement of FRP cattamaran.
- Grant-in-Aid will be released to fishing Harbour Management Society.
- Free ice boxes will be supplied to 1000 nos. of fish vendors.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Pattern of assistance

Existing components:

1. 50% bank linked subsidy for wooden mechanised boat with size above 47' with nets to a maximum of ₹7.50 lakhs per boat (unit cost ₹15.00 lakhs)
2. 50% bank linked subsidy to a maximum of ₹11.00 lakhs per boat for steel mechanized boats with size 47' to 59'.
3. Reimbursement/Spot exemption of sales tax on HSD oil procured by the fishermen upto 25,000 litres, 35,000 litres, for mechanised boat, Steel boat for single day and Multiday fishing, 5000 litres for FRP catamaran, Vallam, Nava, Wooden Nava(>20) and 3000 litres for traditional catamaran respectively per annum.
4. 75% subsidy per boat on the annual premium paid by the registered mechanised boat operators for insuring their boats against marine risks.
5. Grant of financial assistance to registered mechanised boats @ ₹ 20,000/- and ₹ 10,000/- respectively per boat per annum to reactivate their boats during the period of ban on fishing.
6. 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs 1.00 lakh per unit for procurement of FRP Vallam with nets (unit cost ₹2.00 lakh).
7. 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of ₹40, 000/- per unit for Nava with nets (Unit cost = ₹0.80 lakhs)
8. It is proposed to grant 50% subsidy to a maximum of ₹3.50 lakhs per unit for the purchase of Mini Lorry with 3-5 Tons capacity (Unit cost ₹7.00 Lakhs) implemented through Bank.
9. 50% subsidy for purchase of Insulated fish van with 5-10 ton capacity @ ₹ 5.00 lakhs (unit cost : Rs 10.00 lakh) , Implemented through bank.
10. Free supply of ice boxes to fish vendors
11. Grant-in-aid to Fishing Harbour Management Society.

Creation of Post :

1.	Additional Director of Fisheries	-	1 no
2.	Joint Director of Fisheries	-	1 No
3.	Deputy Director of Fisheries	-	1 no
4.	Assistant Engineer(Marine)	-	1 No.
5.	Assistant Director of Fisheries	-	4 Nos.
6.	Inspector of Fisheries	-	7 Nos.
7.	Sub - Inspector of Fisheries	-	5 Nos.
8.	Marine Foreman	-	1 no
9.	Inspector of Fisheries	-	2 Nos.
10.	Sub- Inspector of Fisheries	-	3 Nos
11.	Senior Master Mechanic	-	1 No
12.	Data Entry Operator	-	2 Nos.
13.	Boat Fishery overseer	-	3 Nos.
14.	Field man	-	2 Nos.
15.	Peon	-	2 Nos.
16.	Ice Man	-	8 Nos
17.	Turner	-	1 No
18.	Semi Skilled Mechanic	-	2 Nos
19.	Mechanic/Crane operator	-	1 No.

Scheme No.3

Sector : FISHERIES

Implementing Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN WELFARE

- 1. Name of the Scheme** : Information, Publicity, Training of fishermen, fisherwomen and fisheries personnel
- 2. Objective of the Scheme** :

The aim of the scheme is to create awareness among the fishermen, fisherwomen and fisheries personnel on the latest technologies in the development of aquaculture and capture fisheries by conducting seminars, conferences, to conduct aqua show, study tours and farmers meet, Celebration of World Fisheries Day and advertisements through Newspapers/ Journals, by imparting training at Central/State Training Institutes. To meet the training expenses including stipend. To impart short term training to the fisherwomen on ornamental fish breeding, rearing, keeping and value added fishery products. Publication of Newsletter/Booklets etc. Training Institute functioning at Karaikal will be strengthened by creating required staff. It is proposed to establish a statistical wing under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Strengthening of database".

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :

- 2 nos. of Republic Day Tableau floated.
- World Fisheries Day celebrated in Puducherry and outlying regions.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- 30 nos. of fisherwomen are trained on Ornamental fish breeding & keeping
- World Fisheries Day celebrated.
- Participated in Independence Day / Republic Day Celebration

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- Independence Day/Republic Day will be celebrated in Puducherry and outlying regions.
- 2 Nos. of Fish fest show/Aqua show will be conducted.
- 4 Nos. of World Fisheries Day will be celebrated in all the regions.
- 30 nos. of fisherwomen will be trained on Ornamental fish breeding & keeping

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Creation of Post :

1.	Principal (In the Cadre of Joint Director of Fisheries)	:	1 No.
2.	Programme Co-ordinator (In the rank of Deputy Director	:	3 No.
3.	of Fisheries)		
4.	Assistant Co-ordinator (In the rank of Assistant Director	:	6 No.
5.	of fisheries)		
6.	Demonstrator (in the rank of Inspector of Fisheries)	:	4 Nos.
7.	Assistant Director of Fisheries	:	1 No.
8.	Inspector of Fisheries	:	1 No.
9.	Sub-Inspector of Fisheries	:	2 No.
10.	Over seer	:	3 Nos.
11.	Fieldman	:	3 Nos.
12.	Fishermen	:	6 Nos.
13.	Watchman	:	1 No.
14.	Electrician	:	1 No.
15.	Driver	:	1 No.
16.	Artist	:	1 No.
17.	Project Operator	:	1 No.

Scheme No.4

Sector : FISHERIES

Implementing FISHERIES &
Department : FISHERMEN WELFARE

- 1. Name of the Scheme** : Strengthening of Fisheries Co-operative Institutions & Supply of subsidized fishery requisites to fishermen.
- 2. Objective of the Scheme** :

The objective of the scheme is to strengthen the functioning of the Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation, Karaikal Fishermen Co-operative marketing Union,

Primary Fishermen and Fisherwomen Co-operative Societies, to grant share capital contribution, medium term loan, working capital, to release furniture subsidy and 50% subsidy for the purchase of computer, 50% subsidy for setting up of new modern hygienic retail fish sales ,Subsidy to Societies, which runs fair price shop. The Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation acts as an executing agency for implementing various departmental schemes by rendering best services to fishermen. It is proposed to extend Grant-in-aid to Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation. The next component is for effective and proper exploitation of vast and rich fishery resources from marine and inland waters for which fishery requisites like nets, ropes, floats, sinkers, nylon twine and other requisites is needed. It is proposed to grant 50% subsidy on fishery requisites to be distributed directly to the owner of the registered crafts through Co-Operative Institutions to the individual Fishermen members of Apex/Central /primary FCS . The supply will be effected by the apex Co-Operatives for Puducherry, Central Co-Operatives for Karaikal region and co-operative societies for Mahe and Yanam regions.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :

- Grant-in-Aid released to Puducherry State Fishermen Co-op. Federation.
- Subsidy released to 4 nos. of fair price shops.
- Fishery requisites distributed to fishermen at a cost of ₹27 lakhs.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- 2 nos. of Fishermen co-operative societies benefited with subsidy for Fair price shop.
- Grant-in-aid released to PSFCF.
- Fishery requisites distributed to Fishermen at a cost of ₹56 lakhs.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- Share capital assistance will be released to 2 nos. of Fishermen / Fisherwomen Co-op. societies.
- Subsidy will be released to 4 nos. of Fair price shops / Fisherwomen Co-op. societies.
- Grant-in-aid will be released to Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation.
- Fishery requisites will be distributed to Fishermen at a cost of ₹100 lakhs.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Pattern of assistance:

Existing Component:

1. Fair Price Shop Subsidy :
The Fair Price Shop Subsidy @ ₹ 50,000/- per fair price shop.
2. Share Capital contribution :
Upto Rupees one crore in respect of Apex institutions, upto ₹50.00 lakhs in respect of Central Societies and upto Rupees one lakh in respect of Primary Fishermen Co-Operative Societies.
3. Medium Term Loan/ Working Capital:
With a view to increase the business activities it is proposed to grant mid-term loan upto ₹ 25.00 lakhs in case of apex and central societies and upto ₹2.00 lakhs in case of Primary Fishermen Co-Operative Societies to repay the loan in ten annual equal installments together with interest.
4. Furniture subsidy:
To provide assistance for purchase of furniture for office purpose to the following limits:

a) Apex societies	Upto ₹15,000/-
b) Central societies	Upto ₹10,000/-
c) Primary societies	Upto ₹5,000/-
5. Computer subsidy:
Grant of 50% subsidy limited to a maximum of ₹30,000/- to the Apex/Central Societies for the purchase of a computer comprising of monitor and keyboard, CPU, UPS and printer to improve the efficiency of the accounting and other related works. The subsidy will be claimed after procurement and submission of bills.
6. Grant-in-aid to Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation .
The Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation acts as an executive society for implementing various departmental schemes by rendering free services to fishermen. In order to ease the burden on establishment commitments, it is proposed to release Grant-in-aid, as decided by Government.
7. 50% subsidy on sales price of the fishery requisites Co-Operative Institutions to the individual Fishermen members of Apex/Central /primary FCS directly. The supply will be effected by the apex Co-Operatives for Puducherry region, Central Co-Operatives for Karaikal region and Primary Co-operative societies for Mahe and Yanam regions.

Creation of Post:

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| 1. Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies | : | 1 No. |
| 2. Senior Inspector of Co-operative | : | 1 No. |
| 3. Lower Division Clerk cum Typist | : | 1 No. |

Scheme No.5

Sector : FISHERIES

Implementing Department : FISHERIES & FISHERMEN WELFARE

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Welfare and relief for fishermen during lean seasons and natural calamities.
2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The Objective of the scheme is to render the welfare oriented basic needs of Fishermen Community. To provide relief assistance during lean season, inform of cash/ kind an amount of Rs 200/- per family as cash dole and one set of free clothing will be given to 21000 fishermen families of U.T of Puducherry. To provide cash assistance @ ₹4000 to 21000 fishermen families during ban on fishing, to provide Grant-in-aid to Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare and Distress Relief Society, to compensate for loss of fishing crafts , to extend Old age pension, @ ₹ 1150/- per month per fishermen who attained the age of 50 & above, to release financial assistance to the families of missing fishermen/ deceased fishermen while fishing @ Rs 1.50 lakhs and Rs 2.00 lakhs respectively, to provide funeral assistance of ₹2000 to the legal heir of deceased old age pensioner.

3. **Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14 :**

- Old Age Pension granted to 5802 nos. of fisher folk.
- 15,413 nos. of fishermen families distributed with cash dole of ₹4000/- during ban season.
- 15,413 nos. of fishermen families distributed with free clothing during lean season.
- Grant-in-aid released to Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare & Distress Relief Society.

4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- 20,335 nos. of fishermen families distributed with cash dole of Rs 4000/- during ban season.
- 20,335 nos. of fishermen families distributed with free clothing during lean season.
- Grant-in-aid released to Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare & Distress Relief Society.
- 6,285 nos. of fisherfolk granted Old age Pension.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

- 20,400 nos. of fishermen families will be distributed with cash dole of ₹4000/- during ban season.
- 20,400 nos. of fishermen families will be distributed with free clothing during lean season.
- Grant-in-aid to Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare & Distress Relief Society.
- 6,400 nos. of Fisherfolk to be granted with Old age Pension.
- Immediate relief @ ₹ 2,00,000/- to the deceased fishermen families in event of death while fishing and Rs 1.50 for missing fishermen.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Pattern of assistance

Existing Pattern

1. Funeral assistance @ ₹2,000/- to Fishermen families to meet their funeral expenses.
2. Old age pension @ ₹1150/- per fisherfolk per month for 12 months who attained the age of 50.

Creation of post

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| 1. | Joint Director of Fisheries | - | 1 No. |
| 2. | Assistant Director of Fisheries | - | 1 No. |
| 3. | Inspector of Fisheries | - | 1 No. |
| 4. | Sub Inspector of Fisheries | - | 1 No. |
| 5. | Data Entry Operator | - | 1 No. |