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Vikas Singh, Director.

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Department of Fisheries

Directorate of Fisheries

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Notification

FSH/PLG/SCH-CRAB FARMING/2026-27 Date : 18-Jun-2026

Government of Goa is pleased to notify new scheme "Financial Assistance for setting up of Crab Farming unit in Goa" to provide 'Financial assistance for setting up of crab farming unit in Goa'.

1. *Short title and commencement*.— a) This scheme may be called as "Financial Assistance for setting up of Crab Farming unit in Goa".

b) It shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

c) The scheme will be in force for a period of three years with effect from its date of Notification.

2. *Introduction*.— Goa has vast potential for Fisheries. A huge variety of fish and other seafood products are available in the coastal waters of Goa. Goan cuisine is popular for its rich variety of sea food delicacies that includes Lobsters, Crabs, Prawns and various kinds of fishes. Crab is one of the most favorite seafood dishes in Goa.

Considering the high scope and demand for the locally found crab Government of Goa, Directorate of Fisheries have taken an initiative to induce the entrepreneurs to cultivate the locally found crab (namely Scylla serrata, commonly known as Mud Crab).

Mud crabs grow to a very large size of about 22 cm in carapace and about 2 kg. in weight. There should be availability of abundant and good quality water. Mud crabs are found to be adaptable to medium to high salinity conditions.

3. *Objective*.— The main objective of the scheme is as follows:

a) To create awareness about the scope of crab culture farming in Goa.

b) To conduct eco-friendly farming of mangrove crabs.

c) To provide training on mangrove crab farming.

d) To generate employment in rural and urban households through crab culture technique.

e) To provide technical support required for the production of crab culture.

f) To provide financial assistance for the setting up of a crab culture unit.

4. *Scope of the Scheme*.— To promote crab culture technique in Goa, Department of Fisheries, Government of Goa have come up with an initiative to encourage crab farming thereby providing financial assistance by way of Subsidy to the Farmers as under. The culture system is further classified in two types:

(*a*) **Pen Culture**.— Ponds in and around mangrove areas can be used for culturing mud crabs. Small sized ponds of 0.1-0.5-hectare area with standard water inlet, outlet, and 1-meter water depth are ideal for pen culture. Further, in order to prevent escape of stock, the pond is enclosed with nylon net with silpaulin at top and supported with bamboo structural framework.

Financial Assistance for Pen Crab Culture

(*a*) Financial Assistance for setting up of Pen Crab Culture Unit.

(*b*) Financial Assistance for Input Cost.

(*b*) **Crab Box Culture**.— Cellular system of crab culture can be carried out horizontally or vertically where crabs are kept in individual containers to mitigate against the risk of cannibalism and to provide optimal conditions for growth. This culture can be used for fattening, grow-out or soft-shell production of crabs and can either be river, coastal or pond-based. However, sophisticated water circulation system needs to be integrated for setting up vertical box crab farming unit.

Financial Assistance for Setting up of Box Crab Culture

(*a*) Financial Assistance for Horizontal Crab Box Culture Unit.

(*b*) Financial Assistance for Vertical Crab Box Culture Unit.

(*c*) Financial Assistance for Input Cost.

5. *Eligibility conditions and documents*.— The Beneficiary shall be either:

a) Fish farmer/Traditional Fishermen/individual/Registered Self Help Group/Societies, interested in the setting up of the Crab farming unit in the State of Goa can avail the benefit under this scheme.

b) Fish farmer/Individual should be resident of Goa for last fifteen years and shall submit a valid Residential Certificate/Registration document for Self Help Group/Societies-registration document.

c) Applicant should undergo training programme on Crab farming organized by the Fisheries Department/MPEDA/ICAR/or any other institutes recognized by Government and shall submit the certificate.

d) The Annual income shall not be more than Rs. 20 lakhs.

e) Land document Form I & XVI or Lease Deed.

f) Copy of Aadhar card.

g) The beneficiary should submit Caste Certificate if SC/ST category.

h) NOC from local Panchayat/Municipality.

i) Copy of site plan super imposed with Google map.

j) Necessary clearances/permissions if required.

k) Project/feasibility report.

6. *Terms of sanction*.— The subsidy amount shall be disbursed in favor of the applicant in his/her account through the ECS Mode of payment.

7. *Pattern of Assistance*.—

I. **Financial Assistance for Pen Crab Culture**

(*a*) Financial Assistance for setting up of Pen Crab Culture

Unit Cost	Financial Assistance	Eligibility
2.00 lakh per 0.1 ha.	50% of unit cost	Eligible upto 0.5 ha. (Once in life time)

i. The beneficiary belonging to General Category is eligible for the grant of 50% subsidy limited to Rs. 1.00 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 2.00 lakh per 0.1 ha.

ii. The beneficiary belonging to SC/ST/Woman Category is eligible for the grant of 60% subsidy limited to Rs. 1.20 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 2.00 lakh per 0.1 ha.

(*b*) Financial Assistance for Input Cost

Unit Cost	Financial Assistance	Eligibility
1.50 lakh per 0.1 ha.	50% of unit cost	Eligible upto 0.5 ha. (Once in life time)

i. The beneficiary belonging to General Category is eligible for the grant of 50% subsidy limited to Rs. 75,000/- on a unit cost of Rs. 1.50 lakh per 0.1 ha.

ii. The beneficiary belonging to SC/ST/Woman Category is eligible for the grant of 60% subsidy limited to Rs. 90,000/- on a unit cost of Rs. 1.50 lakh per 0.1 ha.

II. **Financial Assistance for Setting up of Box Crab Culture Unit**

(*a*) Financial Assistance for Horizontal Crab Box Culture Unit

Unit Cost	Financial Assistance	Eligibility
4.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit)	50% of unit cost	Eligible upto 2 units i.e. 2000 boxes (Once in life time)

i. The beneficiary belonging to General Category is eligible for the grant of 50% subsidy limited to Rs. 2.00 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 4.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

ii. The beneficiary belonging to SC/ST/Woman Category is eligible for the grant of 60% subsidy limited to Rs. 2.40 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 4.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

(*b*) Financial Assistance for Vertical Crab Box Culture Unit

Unit Cost	Financial Assistance	Eligibility
8.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit)	50% of unit cost	Eligible upto 2 units i.e. 2000 boxes (Once in life time)

a) The beneficiary belonging to General Category is eligible for the grant of 50% subsidy limited to Rs. 4.00 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 8.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

b) The beneficiary belonging to SC/ST/Woman Category is eligible for the grant of 60% subsidy limited to Rs. 4.80 lakh on a unit cost of Rs. 8.00 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

(*c*) Financial Assistance for Input Cost

Unit Cost	Financial Assistance	Eligibility
1.50 lakh per 1000 boxes	50% of unit cost	Eligible upto 2 units i.e. 2000 boxes (Once in life time)

i. The beneficiary belonging to General Category is eligible for the grant of 50% subsidy limited to Rs. 75,000/- on a unit cost of Rs. 1.50 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

ii. The beneficiary belonging to SC/ST/Woman Category is eligible for the grant of 60% subsidy limited to Rs. 90,000/- on a unit cost of Rs. 1.50 lakh per 1000 boxes (1 unit).

8. *Terms and conditions*.— (*a*) The assistance for setting up of crab culture unit and input cost is one-time assistance and any further cost towards repair and renovation shall be borne by the owner.

(*b*) The cost of setting up of vertical crab box culture unit shall include the cost of RAS System.

(*c*) The assistance provided does not include cost of land or lease of land.

(*d*) The beneficiary shall permit the Government official or their duly authorised representative to inspect the unit as and when required.

(*e*) There should not be any activity, which may cause environmental hazard in regards to the mangroves.

9. *Relaxation of the provision of the scheme*.— The Government is empowered to relax all or any of the clauses provided in this scheme, if found deemed fit for reasons to be recorded.

10. *Interpretation of the provision of the scheme*.— If any question arises regarding interpretation in the scheme of any clause, word, expression or entire scheme, then the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government.

Further, on approval of the project proposed by the Directorate of Fisheries 100% of the actual Financial Assistance for setting up of Crab Culture Unit will be provided to the beneficiary after installation of the unit.

11. *Budget Head*.— The required Budget Provision will be made under the following Budget Head:

For General/Women Category

2405—Fisheries; 00—; 102—; 08—Crab/Mussel/Oyster Farming (P); 33—Subsidies under Demand No. 66.

For SC/ST

2405—Fisheries; 00—; 796—Tribal Area Sub-Plan; 01—Scheduled Tribe Development Schemes; 33—Subsidies under Demand No. 66.

The earlier scheme called as "Financial Assistance for setting up of Crab Farming unit in Goa" notified vide Official Gazette, Series I No. 10 dated 9th June, 2016 stands cancelled.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 1400111805 dated 30/05/2026.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dr. *Shamila Monteiro*, Director of Fisheries/ex officio Jt. Secretary Fisheries.

Panaji.

Notification

FSH/PLG/DBT-Section-7/2026-27 Date : 24-Jun-2026

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar number to establish identify enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency;

And whereas, the Directorate of Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as the "said Department") in the Government of Goa (hereinafter referred to as the "said Government") is administering "Mukhel Mantri Nustekar Mazat Yevjan" (hereinafter referred to as the "said Scheme");

And whereas, a compensation not exceeding to Rs. 50,000/- lump sum assistance (hereinafter referred to as the said benefit) is given to the next of kin of the deceased fisher (hereinafter referred to as "the beneficiaries") under the said Scheme and the instructions and guidelines issued in respect thereof;

And whereas, expenditure for the said Scheme is incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Government of Goa;

And whereas, the said Department is desirous that the said Government, for the purpose of establishing identity of a beneficiary as a condition for the receipt of the said benefit, require that such beneficiary undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, make an application for enrolment.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") the Government of Goa hereby notifies the following, namely:-

1. (*1*) An individual desirous of availing of the said benefit under the said Scheme shall be required to undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number.

(*2*) In case such an individual has not been assigned an Aadhaar number, he shall be required to make an application for enrolment: