(*ii*) Schools having the requisite number of minimum 5000 library books and a sufficient room/hall for library.

(*iii*) The Management will have to procure the requisite number of minimum 5000 books for the library.

6. *Funding pattern*.— (*a*) The Director of Education is the Authority for funding and implementation of this scheme.

(*b*) Director of Education on receipt of the application from the Management of recognized Government & Non-Government––(Aided) Secondary Schools having an enrolment of 250 students and above in the State of Goa, shall verify the particulars submitted by the Applicant School and the Officer of this Department not below the rank of Assistant Director of Education shall issue NOC for sanctioning of 'Librarian' and its salaries.

7. *Other terms and conditions*.— (*i*) The grant of Financial Assistance under this scheme cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

(*ii*) The Grantee institution shall maintain separate account in respect of the grants released under this scheme. The accounts shall remain open for inspection to the Officers of Directorate of Education, Porvorim-Goa or his representative as and when required.

(*iii*) The Government High Schools shall draw the bill for the payment of Librarian as per the order issued for the appointment by the concerned Head of the High Schools.

(*iv*) The copies of the muster roll/ /Attendance book should be made available for inspections/check to the officer deputed by the Director of Education, Porvorim-Goa.

The scheme is approved by the Government and concurrence of the Finance Department, Secretariat-Porvorim is obtained under U. O. No. 817, dated 12-4-2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

G. P. Bhat, Director (Education).

Porvorim, 16th June, 2016.

Department of Fisheries

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Notification

FSH/PLG/SCH-MUS & OYS FARM/2016-17

"**Financial Assistance to Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming in Goa**"

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to introduce the scheme "Financial Assistance to Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming in Goa".

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (*a*) This scheme may be called as "Financial Assistance to Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming in Goa".

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

2. *Introduction*.—Being a tourist destination and majority of population consuming fish, there is a high demand for fish and shell fish in Goa. Green Mussel, *Perna viridis,* locally known as "Xinanneo" is found to be a major shell fish species under the group bivalves, relished by the Goan people. Mussels offer several health benefits. A single piece of the mussel of size of 40-60 mm with an average weight of 30-33 gm, costs around Rs. 10 to 12 in the retail markets of Goa. The resource augmentation through farming techniques in the unutilised brackish water areas of Goa can meet the required demand for the mussels in future.

Oyster farming is an aquaculture *(or mariculture)* practice in which oysters are raised for human consumption. Oysters are nutritious food organisms, rich in protein, minerals and vitamins. In Goa oysters are considered a delicacy and the availability in markets is rare. The Indian backwater Oyster (*Crassostrea madrasensis)* is the dominant species which is more widely distributed is euryhaline and inhabits backwaters, creeks, bays and lagoons and occurs in the coastal areas.

Thus considering the high scope and demand for Mussels and Oysters in the Goan market, Department of Fisheries, Government of Goa would like to introduce this scheme "Financial Assistance to Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming in Goa".

3. *Objective of the scheme.*— (*i*) To create awareness about Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming techniques.

(*ii*) To provide training on Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming.

(*iii*) To generate employment in rural and urban households.

(*iv*) To provide financial assistance for the setting up of Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming Unit.

4. *Scope of the scheme.*— In order to promote Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming via various farming techniques, Department of Fisheries, Government of Goa via this scheme would provide financial assistance in order to set up the unit and purchase the seed.

5. *Eligibility.*— (*1*) Fish farmer/individual/ /Registered Self Help Group/Societies, interested in the setting up of the Mussel Culture/Oyster Farming Unit in the State of Goa can avail the benefit under this scheme.

(*2*) Fish farmer/individual should be resident of Goa for last fifteen years.

(*3*) Applicant should undergo training programme on Mussel Culture/Oyster Farming organized by the Fisheries Department/ MPEDA/ICAR/any other institute.

6. *Terms of sanction.*— (*1*) For availing financial assistance, the beneficiaries should produce the following documents along with the application form following the guidelines thereby laid.

(*i*) Proof of Identity for Individuals/Fish Farmers—copy Voter Id/Passport/Aadhar Card along with fifteen years valid Residential Certificate, for Self Help Group/ /Societies—registration document.

(*ii*) NOC from COP in case of farming in the river.

(*iii*) Project/feasibility report.

7. *Pattern of Assistance.*— Financial assistance for Mussel Culture and Oyster Farming: Financial assistance will be provided as subsidy as under:—

(*a*) Setting up of unit in estuarine waters: 50% subsidy of the actual cost limited to Rs. 25,000 per unit, maximum financial assistance will be provided for 2 units. Each unit in the estuarine water will be of size 4 mtrs X 4 mtrs.

(*b*) Setting up of unit in open sea: 50% subsidy of the actual cost limited to Rs. 40,000 per unit, maximum financial assistance will be provided for 2 units. Each unit in the open sea will be of size 6 mtrs X 6 mtrs.

8. *Terms and Conditions.*— The beneficiary shall permit the Government official or their duly authorised representative to inspect the unit as and when required.

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.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U. O. No. Fin (Exp.)/1400023577 dated 01-06-2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. (Smt.) *Shamila Monteiro,* Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Fisheries).

Panaji, 13th June, 2016.