Notification

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"**Financial Assistance for setting up of Ornamental Fish Unit in Goa**"

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to introduce the scheme "Financial Assistance for setting up of Ornamental Fish Unit in Goa".

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (*a*) This scheme may be called as "Financial Assistance for setting up of Ornamental Fish Unit in Goa".

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

2. *Introduction*.— Keeping colourful and fancy fishes known as ornamental fishes, aquarium fishes etc., is one of the oldest and most popular hobbies in the world. The growing interest in aquarium fishes has resulted in steady increase in aquarium fish trade. There is very good domestic market too, which is mainly based on domestically bred exotic species. The earning potential of this sector has hardly been understood basically due to lack of awareness among the people about its prospects, lack of technical and financial & Government support.

Considering the relatively simple techniques involved, this activity has the potential to create substantial employment opportunities, besides earning foreign exchange. To address these opportunities in the State the Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Goa would like to introduce this scheme "Financial Assistance for setting up of Ornamental fish unit in Goa" to approach the development in this sector in a scientific and organized manner.

Ornamental fishes

Aquarium fishes are mainly grouped into two categories, Fresh Water Ornamental Fishes & Marine Ornamental Fishes.

Fresh water ornamental fish

Fresh water ornamental fish varieties can be broadly grouped into Tropical and Cold water species. Management of these two categories are different in nature. According to water tolerance fishes are categorized as hard water tolerant, soft water tolerant and those with wider tolerance.

There are quite a large number of tropical aquarium fishes known to the aquarists. While many of the fishes are easy to breed, some of these are rare, difficult to breed and expensive. Most of the exotic species can be bred and reared easily since the technology is simple and well developed. An ornamental fish unit can be either (*1*) rearing only (*2*) breeding only (*3*) breeding and rearing depending upon the space available/scale of operations desired and the expertise.

Marine ornamental fishes

Marine ornamental fishes are also popular among hobbyists and the technology of breeding and larval rearing has now been developed for certain species by research institutes.

3. *Objective of the scheme*.—

- To generate employment in rural and urban households through mass production of ornamental fishes.
- To create awareness about the scope of ornamental fish farming.
- To provide financial assistance for the setting up of an ornamental fish unit.
- To provide technical/marketing support for ornamental fish unit.
- To promote domestic & export market of ornamental fishes produced by breeding and rearing units.

4. *Scope of the scheme*.— As per the scheme, establishment of new ornamental fresh water fish breeding/rearing units are been considered in order to achieve the above objectives. These units are categorized based on the type of the unit.

	Breeding unit	Rearing unit	Rearing & Breeding unit
	A	B	C
Description	To carry breeding of ornamental fishes (Indoor or outdoor)	To carry rearing of ornamental fishes (Indoor or outdoor)	To carry rearing and breeding of ornamental fishes (Indoor/outdoor unit)
Activity Expected	Breeding of the ornamental fishes and supply the fish fry to rearing units.	1. Grow out of fish fry to saleable size.	1. Breeding and rearing of the Ornamental fishes.
		2. Supply of fingerlings.	2. Grow out of fish fry and supply the surplus production to rearing units.
			3. Supply of fingerlings.
	Minimum 4-5 species (Oviparous or viviparous) should be breeded.	Minimum 5-6 species (Oviparous or viviparous) should be reared.	Minimum 5-6 species (Oviparous or viviparous) should be reared and breeded.
Quantum of Financial Assistance Eligible	50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 1,50,000/-	50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 1,50,000/-	50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 2,50,000/-

5. *Eligibility.*— (1) Fish farmer/individual/Registered Self help group/Societies, interested in the setting up of the ornamental fish 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 site should have adequate water facilities for setting up of the unit.

(4) Applicant having own/leased land, adequate to set up an ornamental unit can avail the benefit under this scheme.

(5) Applicant should undergo training programme on Ornamental Fish Farming organized by the Fisheries Department/MPEDA/ICAR.

(6) The items eligible for the financial assistance is annexed at 'A'.

6. *Terms of Sanction.*— (1) For availing assistance, the beneficiaries should produce the following documents along with the application form.

(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) Proof of availability of (a) land and (b) finance.

(iii) Water testing report – pH, Total Hardness, Carbonate Hardness, Salinity.

(iv) Project/feasibility report.

(v) Training completion certificate on ornamental fish framing carried by Directorate of Fisheries/MPEDA/ICAR.

(2) Project report submitted at the Directorate of Fisheries, Goa by the applicant will be scrutinized and approval will be given if considered.

(3) Project report should include the details of the activities to be carried out, along with the layout plan and design.

(4) Estimates of the expenditure to be incurred on the construction of the unit to be included in the project report.

Guidelines for availing assistance for Ornamental fish units.—

The process of setting up ornamental fish units under this scheme involves below steps:

(a) Submission of Project report along with application.

(b) Issue of advance approval (NOC).

(c) Release of 60% of financial assistance.

(d) Setting of the unit.

(e) Submission of final application.

(f) Registration of the unit.

(g) Release of balance 40% of financial assistance.

7. *Pattern of Assistance*.— The maximum amount of financial assistance eligible for the three categories of the ornamental fish farming is mentioned as below:—

(i) For setting up of a Breeding unit- 50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 1,50,000/-.

(ii) For setting up of a Rearing unit- 50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 1,50,000/-.

(iii) For setting up of a Rearing unit & Breeding unit- 50% of the actual cost limited to Rs. 2,50,000/-.

On approval of the project proposal by the Directorate of Fisheries 60% of the actual financial assistance will be provided to the beneficiary and balance to 40% will be given on registration of the unit.

8. *Terms and Conditions.*— (1) Glass tank and Plastic pools will be included in indoor unit only.

(2) Cement tanks and earthen ponds will be included in outdoor unit only.

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

(4) The equipment and material annexed at 'A' shall be covered in the total cost.

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.

ANNEXURE "A"

Components for ornamental fish unit:

- Glass tank with stand
- Plastic pools
- FRP (Cisterns)
- Cement tanks
- Earthen ponds with polyether lining
- Other components:
  - Blower
  - Water pump
  - Overhead tank
  - Oxygen cylinder
  - Electrical Fittings
  - Plumbing Material
  - Filtration unit
  - Aerator materials
  - Lab equipments
  - Accessories (bucket, nets, heater etc.)

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U. O. No. Fin (Exp.)/1400024582 dated 02-06-2016.

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

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

Panaji, 17th June, 2016.