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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Fisheries Aquaculture aquatic resources & Fishing harbours,
31, GN Block, IT Building, 7th & 8th Floor,
Sector- V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091

No. 724-Fish/C-I/9R-01/2024

Dated: 06.03.2024

NOTIFICATION

In the Annual Financial Statement, 2024, Government of West Bengal has announced a new scheme named 'Samudra Sathi, 2024' which will come to force from 1st April 2024 for providing livelihood-support of Rs. 5000.00 only each per month to all marine fishermen above 21 years of age who are affected adversely due to the ban imposed on venturing into sea for fishing during the period from 15th April to 14th June.

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR AVAILING OF BENEFIT:

- a. Registered marine fisherman above the age of 21 (twenty one) shall be eligible under the scheme.
- b. Not more than one fisherman horn one family (applicant, parents, spouses and dependent children) will be eligible for this benefit.

II. SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

- i. Applications for benefit under this scheme should be submitted in Form-1 for getting benefit of two months at a time.
- ii. Applications should be made online through portal, available in the website of Fisheries Department. Requisite documents and photographs are to be uploaded in portal along with the application form.
- iii. Fishery Extension Officel of the concerned Block will receive the applications. Receipt of the application. generated through the online portal, will be downloadble by the applicant.

- iv. In case any applicant prefers to submit off-line applications, the same will be posted online by the officer concerned for further processing and receipt shall be handed over to the applicant.
- v. Applications received under this scheme will be physically enquired into for ascertaining genuinity of the claim The enquiry must be completed within ten working days of receipt of the application and the enquiry report will be submitted to ADF (Marine), DH for the districts of N. 24 Pgs.. S. 24 Pgs. and Howrah and to ADF (Marine), Contai for the district of Purba Medinipur.
- vi. Assistant Director of Fisheries (Marine), Diamond Harbour/Contai, as the case may be, on being satisfied by the report of the enquiring officer, will recommend the case online to the Sub-Divisional Officer concerned who will act as approving authority for this scheme.
- vii. On receipt of approval from the Sub-Divisional Officer, ADF (Marine), DH/Contai will sanction the benefit and issue sanction order for the respective Districts [i.e. A DC (Marine) DH for the districts of N. 24 Pgs., S. 24 Pgs. and Howrah and ADF (Marine) Contai for Purba Medinipur] within thirty (30) working days from receipt of completed application.
- viii. The sanctioned list shall be displayed on the official website of the Department.
- ix. All applications are to submitted during the period from 15th February to 14th April each year.
- x. No field enquiry will be needed for renewal. Renewal-applications will be submitted in Form-2. However, at least 5% random checking may be done by the concerned FEOs.

III. FUND MANAGEMENT

- i. fund for 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024' will be released by the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbours directly to ADF (Marine), Diamond harbour/Contai with intimation to the Director of Fisheries, ADF (Marine), Diamond Harbour/Contai will act as DDO.
 - ii. ADF (Marine), Diamond Harbour/Contai and DDO will arrange to raise bill in proper form with concerned treasury and shall release the fund to the applicants through DBT.
- IV. The Director of Fisheries will arrange for wide publicity of the scheme among the marine fishermen through print and electronic media.
 - V. The Director of Fisheries will arrange for uploading of the advertisement (for publicity of this scheme) along with the prescribed application formats and annexures in the portal of the department.
 - VI. This Notification is issued with concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O. No. Group A-1/2023-2024/0194 dated 29.02.2024 read with U.O. No. 5460 dated 29.02.2024 of Group N.

By order of the Governor,

ROSHNI SEN, IAS
*Additional Chief Secretary to the Government
of West Bengal*

Form No 1

Application for benefit under 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024'.

Sl. No. _____ RAMN-I (1st four letters of concerned Block)/*****/2024

To
The Fishery Extension Officer,
_____ (concerned Block)

Subject: Prayer for sanction of benefit under 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024'

Sir,

I Shri/Smt. _____ son/wife of _____, resident of village _____ Pin Code _____, GP _____, Block _____, District _____ beg to inform you that I am a registered marine fisherman (having Fisherman Registration Card No. _____) and that I am eligible to get livelihood assistance of Rs. 5000.00 p.m. for the period from 15th April to 14th June.

This is, therefore, to request you to sanction and disburse Rs. 10,000.00 only in my favour for the financial year _____.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Date

Place:

Name of the applicant

Signature of the applicant

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Declaration

I hereby declare that

- 1) The statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and if any information is found to be false, my claim will be cancelled forthwith. Moreover, I'll be liable to be prosecuted under extant rules of the land for providing false information.
- 2) I will not venture into sea during the ban-period of 15th April to 14th June and that I'll refrain from doing so in the years to come failing which I'll liable to be prosecuted under extant rules of the land for providing false information.

Name of the Applicant

Signature of Claimants with date

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Form No 2

Application for renewal of benefit under 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024'.
 Sl. No. _____ RAMN (1st four letters of concerned Block)/*****/2025/2026 etc.

To
 The Fishery Extension Officer,
 _____ (concerned Block)

Subject: Prayer for sanction of benefit under 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024'

Sir,

I Shri/Smt. _____, son/wife of _____, resident of village _____, Pin Code _____, GP _____, Block _____, District _____ beg to inform you that I am a registered marine fisherman and that I am eligible to get livelihood assistance of Rs. 5000.00 p.m. for the period from 15th April to 14th June. I got similar benefit during last year and Sl. No. of my application (during _____) was _____.

This is, therefore, to request you to sanction and disburse Rs. 10,000.00 only in my favour for the financial year _____.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Date

Place:

Name of the applicant

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Signature of the applicant

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ANEXURE - I

Report of Enquiring Officer

On the basis of field enquiry, it transpires that the applicant is indeed a marine fisherman who will be deprived of his means of livelihood due to the ban on marine fishing from 15th April to 14th June. Therefore, the applicant is eligible to get the benefit under Samudra Sathi Scheme. 2024'

or

On the basis of the following ground/s, the applicant is NOT eligible to get the benefit.

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Date. :

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Fishery Extension Officer'

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(Seal)

ANEXURE-II**SANCTION ORDER**

1. The application (Online Application No. _____) of Shri/Smt. _____, son/ wife of _____, resident of _____ village _____, Pin Code _____, GP _____, Block _____, District _____ has been duly enquired into by FEO, _____ Block who has recommended in favour of the applicant.
2. Sub-Divisional Officer _____ has kindly accorded approval for the case.
3. Benefit under 'Samudra Sathi Scheme, 2024' for sum of Rs. 100000.00 (Rupees Two lakhs only) is, therefore, sanctioned in favour of the applicant as per details noted below:

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Name of Bank	IFSC	Account No.	Amount (Rs.)

3. The amount noted above will be remitted through DBT.
4. The amount will be released from the Head of Account _____

**Assistant Director of Fisheries(Marine),
Diamond Harbour/Contai.**

(signature with seal)