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**News:** Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM-MKSSY) and Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

- Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM-MKSSY)” and has granted an extension to the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for an additional 3 years until 2025-26.

## **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM–MKSSY)**

- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM–MKSSY), a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada (PMMSY) for formalisation of the fisheries sector and supporting fisheries micro and small enterprises with an investment of over Rs. 6,000 crores over a period of next four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 in all States/Union Territories.

## **Objectives**

- Gradual Formalisation of the unorganised fisheries sector through self-registration of fishers, fish farmers and supportive workers under a National Fisheries Sector Digital Platform (NFDP).
- Facilitating access to institutional financing for fisheries sector micro and small enterprises.
- Providing a one-time incentive to beneficiaries for purchasing aquaculture insurance.
- Incentivising adoption and expansion of safety and quality assurance systems for fish, and fishery products and maintenance of jobs.

## **Intended Beneficiaries**

- Fishers, Fish (Aquaculture) Farmers, fish workers, vendors, and other stakeholders in the fisheries value chain.
- Micro and Small enterprises – proprietary firms, partnership firms, cooperatives, federations, startups, Fish FPOs (FFPOs) and more engaged in fisheries and aquaculture.
- FFPOs also include Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs).
- Any other beneficiaries that may be included by the Department of Fisheries as targeted beneficiaries.

## **Implementation Strategy**

- **Component 1-A: Formalisation of Fisheries Sector:** **NFDP to be established to formalise the unorganised fisheries sector** by creating a national registry of stakeholders.
- **Functions of NFDP:** **Training, financial literacy improvement, project preparation assistance, and strengthening of fisheries cooperative societies.**
- **Component 1-B: Facilitating Adoption of Aquaculture Insurance:** **Establishing insurance products for aquaculture, covering at least 1 lakh hectares, with a maximum incentive of Rs. 1,00,000 per farmer** (farm size for the incentive is 4 hectares) and a 40% incentive for intensive aquaculture methods.
- **Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Women beneficiaries receive an additional 10% incentive.**

## **Component 2**

- **Supporting Microenterprises to Improve Fisheries Sector Value Chain Efficiencies.**
- **Improving value chain efficiencies through the provision of performance grants.**

## Scale and Criteria for Performance Grants:

- **General Category:** Grant capped at 25% of total investment or Rs. 35 lakhs.
- **SC, ST, and Women-owned:** Grant capped at 35% of total investment or Rs. 45 lakhs.
- **Village Level Organizations and Federations:** Grant not to exceed 35% of total investment or Rs. 200 lakhs (whichever is lower).
- **Component 3: Fish and Fishery Product Safety and Quality Assurance Systems:** Incentivize fishery enterprises for safety and quality, fostering market expansion and job creation, particularly for women.

## Grants

- Microenterprises: Same as the one in Value Chain Efficiencies.
- Small enterprises: 25% of total investment or Rs. 75 lakhs (General Category), 35% of total investment or Rs.100 lakhs for (SC/ST/Women-owned).
- Village-level orgs & Federations: Same as the one in Value Chain Efficiencies.
- **Component 4: Project Management, Monitoring, and Reporting:** Establishment of Project Management Units (PMUs) for managing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating project activities.

## **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**

- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is a **flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country** as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- **Insurance coverage for fishing vessels is being introduced for the first time under PMMSY.**

It aims to:

- Adopt '**Cluster or Area-based Approaches**' and **create fisheries clusters through backward and forward linkages.**
- Focus especially on **employment generation activities** such as seaweed and ornamental fish cultivation.
- **Address critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of the value chain, traceability, establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers' welfare.**
- **Consolidate the achievements of the blue revolution and bring new interventions** such as fishing vessel insurance, support for new/up-gradation of fishing vessels/boats, integrated aqua parks, e-trading/marketing, etc.

## Targets

- Enhance fish production by an additional 70 lakh tonne and increase fisheries export earnings to Rs.1, 00,000 crore by 2024-25.
- Double the incomes of fishers and fish farmers.
- Reduce post-harvest losses from 20-25% to about 10%.
- Generate an additional 55 lakhs direct and indirect gainful employment opportunities in the fisheries sector and allied activities.

## Budget and Time Period

- An estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from financial year (FY) 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories.
- This investment is the highest ever in the fisheries sector yet.

It will be implemented as an umbrella scheme with two separate components namely:

- **Central Sector Scheme:** The project cost will be borne by the Central government.
- **Centrally Sponsored Scheme:** All the sub-components/activities will be implemented by the States/UTs and the cost will be shared between Centre and State.

# Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

- Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) **has been established by the Department of Fisheries** (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying).
- FIDF **complements schemes like PMMSY and KCC.**
- FIDF **envisages the creation of fisheries infrastructure facilities both in marine and inland fisheries sectors.**

## Implementation Mechanism

- **Concessional Finance:** FIDF provides concessional finance to Eligible Entities (EEs) through Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) namely the NABARD, National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC) and all scheduled Banks.
- EEs under FIDF include state governments, cooperatives, fisheries cooperative federations, NGOs, women entrepreneurs, private companies, and more.

## Interest Subvention

- Indian Government **offers up to 3% per annum interest subvention.**

- Repayment period spans 12 years, including a 2-year moratorium for providing the concessional finance by the NLEs at the minimum interest rate of 5% per annum.