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Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen during Fishing Ban Period

This MMKY sub-scheme gives yearly cash help to marine fisher families of five coastal districts of Odisha who lose work due to fishing bans for sea turtle protection.

What you may get

Rs 15,000 a year for one member of each affected fisher family, paid in a single instalment by DBT to an Aadhaar linked bank account.

Who it is for

Active marine fishers aged 18 to 70 in Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam districts hit by turtle protection fishing bans.

Main conditions

- You must be an active marine fisher aged 18 to 70, and a permanent resident of Odisha with Aadhaar and address proof.
- You must have an Aadhaar linked bank account in your own name in Odisha.
- You must own a motorised boat, work as crew on one, or trade, sort or grade fish. Non motorised boat owners and workers near Bhitarkanika (Gahirmatha) are also covered.
- A boat owner needs valid ReAL Craft registration and fishing licence. Crew and fish workers need a certificate from a registered boat owner.
- Only one member per family gets the help. Boat owners come first, then crew, then other fish workers.

Documents

- Copy of Aadhaar card
- Copy of voter ID card
- Copy of ration card
- Copy of boat registration certificate
- Copy of fishing licence
- Certificate from the boat owner, for crew and other fish workers
- Copy of first page of bank passbook
- Self attested passport size photo

How to apply

1. Fill the prescribed form and give it to the Additional Fisheries Officer (Marine) of your district through the Assistant Fisheries Officer of the Marine Extension unit, SFTA or JFTA.
2. Attach self attested copies of documents and show the originals when you submit.
3. The application is checked and a District Level Committee chaired by the Sub-Collector approves the final list.
4. The money is sent by DBT to your Aadhaar linked bank account.

Status

Active

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