

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Fisheries & Ports Department – 'Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending' – Administrative Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

FISHERIES & PORTS (B) DEPARTMENT**G.O.(Rt)No.450/2026/F&P****Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04-08-2026**

Read 1 Letter No. DFTVM/1662/2026-K1 dated 22-07-2026 from the Director of Fisheries.

2 Minutes of the Departmental Working Group (Fisheries) meeting held on 30-07-2026.

ORDER

As per the letter read above, the Director of Fisheries submitted a proposal for the project "Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending" at an estimated cost of **Rs. 400 Lakh (Rupees Four Hundred Lakh only)** and requested to accord sanction for the same. The expenditure in this regard is proposed to be met from the Head of Account 2405-00-103-80 (Plan) in the current financial year (2026-27) and the implementing agency is Kerala State Co-operative Federation for Fisheries Development Limited (MATSYAFED)

2) Objectives of the project are as follows:-

- To safeguard the traditional registered fishermen having membership in primary fishermen co-operatives from incurring heavy input costs by way of interest subvention.
- To make them able to avail loans interest free from Matsyafed under NCDC assisted schemes for procuring fishing inputs.
- To make fishermen owners of the fishing units without investing too much money and that too within a short period of time.
- To bring fishermen to beach level auction system of Matsyafed.
- To attract more traditional fishermen towards a structured platform where they are not exploited.
- To help the fisher women to effectively carryout their livelihood activities to become self- reliant.

- To make the fisher women free from unserviceable debt and exploitation.
- To improve the socio-economic condition of fisher women and to reduce poverty from among the fisher folk.
- To assist the fisher women and make them engaged in income generating activities.
- To sharpen their financial management skills by Capacity Building.
- To generate more employment opportunities for women in fishing communities.
- To create awareness among fishermen on the need of social participation and institutionalization.

3)Beneficiary details of the project are as follows:

- Traditional registered fishermen having membership in primary fishermen co-operative societies affiliated to Matsyafed are the beneficiaries of the project for the procurement of fishing inputs
- The registered women fish vendors belonging to artisanal fishermen families who are engaged in fish vending.

4)The financial details of the project are as follows:

SCHEME WISE CONSOLIDATION					
Scheme	Groups	Members	Investment	Loan	Interest for subvention during 2026-27
IFDP	1198	3470	661986383	496489788	38542788
FVL	552	2391	51086272	51086272	1457212
Total	1750	5861	713072655	547576060	40000000

5)The Departmental Working Group meeting held on 30.07.2026 approved the said project for an amount of **Rs. 400 Lakh (Rupees Four Hundred Lakh only)**.

6)Considering the decision of the Departmental Working Group, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the project "Interest Subvention to Fishermen for Fishing Inputs and to Women for Fish Vending" for an amount of **Rs. 400 Lakh (Rupees Four Hundred Lakh only)** under the Head of Account 2405-00-103-80 (Plan) for the financial year 2026–27, subject to the following condition;

- A monitoring system shall be introduced for the effective implementation of the project.

(By order of the Governor)

ABDUL NASAR B I A S
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief, Agriculture, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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