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From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department

To,

The Convenor,
State Level Bankers Committee
Canara Bank

BANGALORE-560 009.

Sir,

Sub:- Issue of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to Fishermen-Reg

- Ref: 1) Proceedings of the meeting held on 17/06/2020.
2) Our Office letter dated: 02/11/2020
3) SLBC Meeting Held on 28-12-2020
4) Discussions held during VC held on 29/12/2020.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, I am directed to state that Government of India in its budget 2018-19 has announced extending the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for Fisheries sector to help Fish farmers to meet their working capital needs.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide Circular No RBI/2018-19/112/FIDD. CO.FSD.BC12/05.05.10/2018-19 dated 04/02/2020 has issued detailed guidelines for extension of KCC facility to fish farmers to meet their capital requirement. Further, in the meeting held on 17-06-2020 (Ref-1) the Scale of Finance was fixed after holding detailed discussions with bankers as detailed below.

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1. Culture Fisheries:

- a. Inland culture fisheries - Rs.2,00,000 per acre.
- b. Cage culture (6mx4m) - Rs.1,00,000 per crop.
- c. Bivalve culture (rack and rope system) – Rs. 5000 per rack per crop (one year for one cycle)
- d. Brackish water shrimp culture – Rs. 2,80,000 per acre (5 months for one cycle).

2. Capture Fisheries:

- a. Marine Fisheries (15x20m) – Rs. 3,30,000 for 15 days one trip.
- b. Marine Fisheries (10x15m) – Rs. 1,25,000 for 5 to 6 days one trip.
- c. Motorized Boat Expenditure – Rs. 3,500 per day.
- d. Traditional Boat Expenditure – Rs. 500 per day.

Further, RBI guidelines on issuance of KCC for fisheries are as follows:-

3.1 Fishery

3.1.1 Inland Fisheries and aquaculture.

3.1.1.1 Fisheries, Fish farmers (Individual & groups/Partners/Share croppers / tenant farmers), Self-help groups, Joint liability groups and women groups.

3.1.1.2 The beneficiaries must own or lease any of the fisheries related activities such as pond, tank, open water bodies, raceway, hatchery, rearing unit, possess necessary licence for fish farming and fishing related activities and any other state specific fisheries and allied activities.

3.1.2. Marine Fisheries

3.1.2.1 Beneficiaries listed at 2.1.1.1. above, Who own or lease registered fishing Vessel/boat, possess necessary fishing licence/permission for fishing in Estuary and sea, fish farming/mariculture activities in estuaries and open sea and any other state specific fisheries and activities.

According, to these provisions any state specific activities and allied activities can also be covered in the said programme.

After the massive campaign by the department regarding issuance of KCC several applications have been submitted to the banks under the following categories.

1. Inland Fishery activity (Reservoir & Tanks)
2. Tank Lease holders.
3. Inland Fish Marketing
4. Marine fish Marketing.
5. Other activities like Fish seed rearing practice and frontier aquaculture practices

Considering this the department had submitted proposal to include these activities to cover the scale of finance as detailed below.

1. Inland Fishery activity – Rs. 50,000 per season.
2. Tank Lease holders max – Rs 3.0 Lakh for unit of min 5 ha WSA tank (for inputs Like seed, feed etc).
3. Inland Fish Marketing- Rs. 50,000/-
4. Marine Fish Marketing – Rs. 50,000/-
5. Recirculatory Aquaculture practice- max Rs. 3.0 lakh (100m³ capacity to produce 2ton/cycle).
6. Bio-floc Aquaculture Technique Rs. 3.0 lakh (with min 100 m³ capacity to produce 2 ton/cycle).

Therefore, I am directed to request you to include the above activities with suggested scale of finance to enable to cover maximum number of beneficiaries for issuance of KCC for the Fisheries sector.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary to Government
Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department
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The Director of Fisheries, Bangalore for information.