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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries)**

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.  
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To  
The Secretary  
In-charge of Fisheries,  
Government of \_\_\_\_\_

Sub: Implementation of Central Sector Scheme 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' in States/UTs during the financial year 2015-16- Administrative approval thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of Government of India for implementation of Central Sector scheme 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen', in States/Union Territories during the financial year 2015-16 at an outlay of Rs.43.49 crore (Rupees Forty three crore and forty nine lakh only) as per newly approved pattern during the 12<sup>th</sup> plan. The components approved under the Scheme are i) Saving-cum Relief; ii) Development of Model Fishermen Villages; iii) Group Accident Insurance for active Fishermen and iv) Training & Extension.

2. Fisheries is a hazardous profession that gets affected by the vagaries of nature. National Scheme for the Welfare of Fishermen is the dedicated scheme for the welfare of fishermen in the Country that provides for minimum social security to the fishermen in the event of the occurrence of an accident while fishing and also provides for relief measures to the poor fishermen during the lean fishing session. The Scheme is also a unique scheme that makes provisions for low cost houses exclusively for the fishermen community. Government of India endeavors to extend benefits of the scheme to large number of fishermen in the country. The State/UT Governments are encouraged to submit proposals to cover as many fishermen possible during the financial year 2015-16 giving due preference to Below Poverty Line (BPL), women and Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries.

3. The Scheme is demand driven and will be implemented through respective State Government or its agencies. Expenditure on assistance will be shared on 50:50 basis by Government of India and State Governments in respect of all components of the scheme.



