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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

To

1. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in-charge  
Department of Fisheries of all the State Governments/UTs (as per list attached)
2. Other Entities (as per list attached)

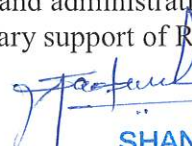
**Subject: Extension of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for a period of 3 years from 2023-24 to 2025-26**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to inform that in order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, the Government of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during 2018-19 created and implemented the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore, comprising Rs. 5266.40 crore to be raised by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs), Rs.1316.60 crore beneficiaries' contribution and Rs. 939.48 crore budgetary support from the Government of India.

2. In continuation, I am directed to convey the approval of the Government of India for extension of the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for a period of another 3 years from **01.04.2023 to 31.3.2026** within the already approved fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore and budgetary support of Rs 939.48 crore. The extension of FIDF for a period of 3 years from 01.04.2023 to 31.3.2026 entails the followings:

- (i) To continue to take up new projects for development of fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure.
- (ii) Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) will continue to sanction loan to the new projects to be approved during the extended period as well as to the projects that have been approved by DoF before 31.03.2023 and loan for such projects has not been sanctioned by NLEs before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.
- (iii) Nodal Loaning Entities(NLEs) will continue to disburse the loan for the projects approved by the DoF before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and sanctioned by NLEs and also new projects to be taken up till the extended period of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026.
- (iv) To meet interest subvention in respect of all the fisheries & aquaculture infrastructure projects approved under FIDF by the Government of India till the end of their respective repayment period of 12 years including of moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal. Hence, payment of interest subvention will continue till the end of repayment period of the last projects sanctioned i.e. till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2038. The interest subvention and administrative expenses continued to be met from the already approved budgetary support of Rs. 939.48 crore.

  
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- (v) To provide credit guarantee facility to the projects of entrepreneurs, individual farmers and cooperatives to be approved under FIDF during the extended period of 3 years from FY 2023-24 to FY2025-26 i.e. till 31.3.2026 from the existing credit guarantee fund under the Infrastructure Development Fund(IDF) of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying(DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Detailed guidelines for providing credit guarantee facility to the aforementioned fisheries projects under IDF of DAHD will be notified separately by the Department of Fisheries in consultation with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

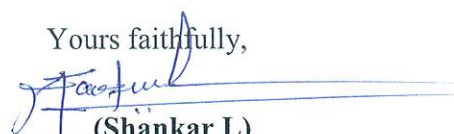
3. The detailed and fresh guidelines, salient features of the FIDF, cost norms, associated terms and conditions, etc., replacing the earlier guidelines for implementation of the FIDF are attached at Annexure-I. These fresh guidelines replacing the earlier guidelines are uploaded in this Department's website (<http://www.dof.gov.in>) and also NFBD's website (<https://nfdb.gov.in>).

4. The State Governments/Union Territories(UT) Administrations are requested to submit the proposals in accordance with the Guidelines and avail benefits of FIDF for creation of fisheries infrastructure facilities in the States/UTs. The State Governments/UTs are also requested to sensitize all the other Eligible Entities(EEs) about the provisions of the FIDF for availing its benefits.

5. No request for *ex-post facto* approval of any proposal would be entertained.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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**Distribution:**

- (i) To all the States/UTs and other concerned organization as s per Department of Fisheries-II  
(ii) All concerned officials in the DoF  
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**ANNEXURE-I**

**Guidelines on Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country is having immense potential to contribute to the nutritional food security, export earnings and provides livelihood to about 28 million fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and almost twice the number along the value chain. The sector has made notable strides and has sustained an impressive average annual growth rate of 8.61% from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22. The fish production in India has maintained a robust annual average growth rate of about 7% during the last nine years, with the total production reaching an all-time high of 175.45 lakh tonne during FY 2022-23, comprising 44.32 lakh tonne of marine and 131.13 lakh tonne of inland fisheries.
- 1.2 In order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, the Government of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during 2018-19 has created the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore, comprising Rs. 5266.40 crore to be raised by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs), Rs.1316.60 crore beneficiaries' contribution and Rs. 939.48 crore budgetary support from the Government of India.
- 1.3 FIDF was created in compliance of the announcement made in the union Budget 2018-19, as in the budget, the Government had announced the setting up of two dedicated funds, namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for Fisheries Sector and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) for financing infrastructure requirement of Animal Husbandry sector with a total corpus fund of Rs. 10,000 crore. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 approved the proposal for setting up and implementation of the FIDF for a period

  
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of five years i.e 2018-19 to 2022-23 and as and as such the originally approved implementation period ended on 31.3.2023.

## 2. Achievements

2.1 The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the implementation period of FIDF from 2018-19 to 2022-23 has approved a total 121 infrastructure projects at a total cost of Rs. 5588.63 crore with project cost restricted for interest subvention at Rs. 3738.19 crore to various States/UTs and other implementing agencies.

## 3. Extension of FIDF

3.1 The evaluation study conducted in March, 2023 through an independent agency to evaluate the impact of FIDF *inter-alia* recommended for extension of FIDF and establishment of a credit guarantee mechanism to facilitate sanction of loans to private sector and cooperatives.

3.2 FIDF its implementation during the last five years (2018-19 to 2022-23) has been contributing towards creation of multifarious benefits in terms of filling the infrastructural gaps in fisheries aquaculture sector, augmentation of fish production, growth of subsidiary industries and creation of employment opportunities, economic prosperity of fishers and other stakeholders.

3.3 The Government of India, keeping in view of contribution made by FIDF and to further leveraging of financial resources, encourage more investments in development of infrastructure for fisheries and aquaculture both from the public and private sector, promoting economic development and expansion of relevant sectors, has extended Fisheries and Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for another period of 3 years from 01.04.2023 to 31.3.2026 within the already approved fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore and budgetary support of Rs 939.48 crore.

3.4 The extension of FIDF for a period of 3 years from 01.04.2023 to 31.3.2026 entail the followings:

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- 3.4.1 To continue to take up new projects for development of fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure.
- 3.4.2 Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) will continue to sanction loan to the new projects to be approved during the extended period as well as to the projects that have been approved by DoF before 31.03.2023 and loan for such projects has not been sanctioned by NLEs before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.
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- 3.4.5 To provide credit guarantee facility to the projects of entrepreneurs, individual farmers and cooperatives to be approved under FIDF during the extended period of 3 years from FY 2023-24 to FY2025-26 i.e. till 31.3.2026 from the existing credit guarantee fund under the Infrastructure Development Fund(IDF) of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying(DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Detailed guidelines for providing credit guarantee facility to the aforementioned fisheries projects under IDF of DAHD will be notified separately by the Department of Fisheries in consultation with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

  
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#### 4. Area of Operation

- 4.1 The Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) as detailed in this guidelines is implemented in all the States and Union Territories.

#### 5. Objectives

The FIDF was created in with the following objectives:

- 5.1 Creation and modernization of capture & culture fisheries infrastructure
- 5.2 Creation of Marine Aquaculture Infrastructure
- 5.3 Creation and modernization of Inland Fisheries Infrastructure
- 5.4 Reduce post-harvest losses and improve domestic marketing facilities through infrastructure support.
- 5.5 To bridge the resource gap and facilitate completion of ongoing infrastructure projects.

#### 6. Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs)

- 6.1 National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- 6.2 National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC)
- 6.3 All scheduled Banks

#### 7. Eligible Entities (EEs)

- 7.1 State Governments/Union Territories,
- 7.2 State Owned Corporations/State Govt. Undertakings/ Govt. Sponsored / Supported Organizations
- 7.3 Fisheries Cooperative Federations (including FISHCOPFED etc.)
- 7.4 Cooperatives, collective groups of fish farmers & fish produce groups etc.
- 7.5 Panchayat Raj Institutions/Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ NGOs
- 7.6 SCs/STs/Marginal Farmers, Women & entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups and cooperatives of these etc.
- 7.7 Private companies/entrepreneurs

7.8 Physically disabled

7.9 Any other institution/entity to be decided by the Government

## 8. Nodal Implementing Agency(NIA)

8.1 National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad

### 8.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)

8.2.1 To carryout techno-financial evaluation of the proposals submitted by various Eligible Entities(EEs), formulation of operational guidelines, formulation of annual action plans, overall coordination, interface with various organisations/stakeholders, outcome focused monitoring of all activities of the FIDF or any others, as may be required for smooth implementation of the FIDF.

8.2.2 To assist the Department of Fisheries in overall monitoring of the FIDF, formulation of annual budgetary proposals and releases of interest subvention and funds to the NLEs and other agencies as may be required at central level.

8.2.3 To assist the Central Approval and Monitoring (CAMC) in the matter of scrutinizing the proposals on techno-financial angles.

## 9. Eligible Investment Activities

9.1 Establishment of Fishing Harbours

9.2 Establishment of Fish Landing Centres

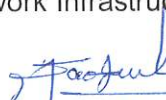
9.3 Infrastructure for Mariculture and Advanced Inland Fisheries (Ocean farming, Cage Culture etc.)

9.4 Construction of Ice Plants (both for marine and inland fisheries)

9.5 Development of Cold Storages (both for marine and inland fisheries)

9.6 Fish Transport and Cold Chain Network Infrastructure

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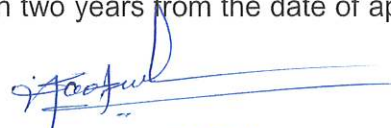
  
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- 9.7 Development of Modern Fish Markets
- 9.8 Setting up of Brood Banks
- 9.9 Development of Hatcheries
- 9.10 Development of Aquaculture
- 9.11 Modernization of State Fish Seed Farms
- 9.12 Establishment of state of art Fisheries Training Centres
- 9.13 Fish Processing Units
- 9.14 Fish Feed Mills/Plants
- 9.15 Establishment of Cage culture in Reservoirs
- 9.16 Introduction of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels
- 9.17 Establishment of Disease Diagnostic Laboratories
- 9.18 Development of Mariculture
- 9.19 Establishment of Aquatic Quarantine Facilities
- 9.20 Any other innovative projects/activities designed to enhance fish production/productivity/value

**10. Quantum of Loan and Margin Money/Beneficiary Contribution**

- 10.1 The project under the FIDF shall continue to be eligible for loan up to 80% of the estimated/actual project cost. Beneficiaries are required to contribute at least 20% of the project cost as margin money.
- 10.2 Contribution of margin money in case of States/UTs, State Entities implemented projects shall not be mandatory. However, the concerned States/UTs, State entities, may decide contribution and size of the margin money preferably on lines of RIDF, depending upon availability of budget in their respective states/UTs.
- 10.3 Cost escalation of the approved project, if any occurred during the course of project implementation on account of genuine reasons like natural calamity, technical compulsions, change in the SoRs and any other unavoidable circumstances shall be considered for enhancement of loan amount, within in the reasonable time and not more than two years from the date of approval of the particular project.

  
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10.4 For the new projects to be approved under FIDF during the extended period of 3 years from 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2026 i.e. in remaining period of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, loans to State Governments/State Agencies will be restricted to be not more than 10% of the total loans to be disbursed for new projects under FIDF. The ceiling of 10% will not be applicable for Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects.

**11. Interest Subvention and Lending Rate of Interest**

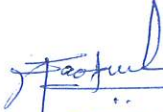
11.1 **Interest Subvention** : Up to 3% per annum for all EEs for development of identified fisheries based infrastructure facilities.

11.2 **Lending Rate of Interest** : Not lower than 5% per annum for all EEs for development of identified fisheries based infrastructure facilities.

11.3 The interest subvention as at 11.1 above also includes cost of reduction of interest rate and uniform margin of 0.6% towards funds management charge and risk coverage costs to the NLEs.

11.4 The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Government of India shall pay the interest subvention amount to NABARD/ NLEs till due outstanding loan period and interests are fully paid off. Subject to provisions of FIDF, the interest subvention shall be the difference between (a) costs of barrowing by NABARD/ NLE (inclusive of interest, taxes, fees, charges, etc.) plus fund management cost of 0.6% per annum, and (b) the rate of interest charged on loans to EEs by NABARD/ NLEs.

11.5 Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying shall make adequate annual budget provision for interest subvention to NABARD/NLEs for 12 years repayment period covering the entire repayment period of loan by the EEs under FIDF based on annual plan submitted by NABARD.

  
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11.6 NABARD will submit quarterly claims of interest subvention of all NLEs. Department of Fisheries subject to the availability of funds, may place in advance, the quarterly interest subvention amount with NABARD. Interest accrued on the Government of India fund placed at the disposal of NABARD by the Department of Fisheries towards meeting the interest subvention liability of NLEs will be remitted to the consolidated fund of India by NABARD regularly as per financial rule and extent guidelines issued for the purpose.

## 12. Funding Mechanism

12.1 FIDF will continue to provide concessional finance to the Eligible Entities (EEs), including State Governments/Union Territories and State entities for development of identified fisheries infrastructure facilities through the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) namely; (i) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), (ii) National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC) and (iii) All scheduled Banks. These three Nodal Loaning Entities will continue to provide the loans to EEs during the extended period.

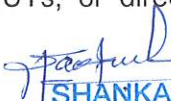
12.2 Under the FIDF, the Government of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying will continue to provide interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the NLEs at the interest rate not lower than 5% per annum. The extended loan lending period under FIDF will be further period of three years from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2026 and maximum repayment period of 12 years inclusive of moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal amount would be continued as existed.

12.3 NABARD would continue to fund the public infrastructure components through the State Governments/State Entities. Besides, NABARD if required would also refinance to the other NLEs namely NCDC and scheduled Banks for implementation of the FIDF.

12.4 NCDC will continue to lend the loan to the Eligible Entities (EEs) in cooperative sectors either through the State Governments/UTs, or directly to the Eligible

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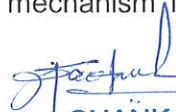
  
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Cooperative & Federation etc.(State/UT and National levels) in accordance with its financial terms and conditions at the specified rate of interest with ceiling on interest subvention under the FIDF. NCDC will source the required funds from the market borrowing, or utilise own financial resources or avail refinancing from the NABARD for lending the loan in cooperative sector for implementation of the FIDF. NCDC shall ensure timely repayment of the loan along with the interest to NABARD, if any refinanced by NABARD.

- 12.5 Similarly, the Scheduled Banks as NLEs will also raise own funds or utilise their available financial resources to lend the loan to the Eligible Entities (EEs). In respect of entrepreneurs, individual farmers and cooperatives, lending will be through the local scheduled Banks for implementation of the FIDF. The banks may also avail re-finance support from NABARD, if required for lending to the EEs for implementation of the FIDF. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would issue suitable guidelines/advisory, if any required, to the scheduled banks for implementation of the FIDF.
- 12.6 The cost of mobilization of funds by the NLEs will depend upon the prevailing market conditions and hence it will be dynamic in nature. Keeping in view the upward and downward movements of interest rates, interest subvention under FIDF will be fixed up to 3% per annum for all EEs for development of identified fisheries based infrastructure facilities.
- 12.7 Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying shall meet the interest subvention, administrative expenses, funds management costs, expenses on skill development, capacity enhancement, institutional building and unforeseen items through the regular budgetary allocation for the FIDF. For this, required budgetary allocation will be made annually till the ending of last repayment period. i.e till FY 2038.
- 12.8 In order to ensure timely repayment of loan and interest amount to NABARD/NLEs, it is imperative that a robust mechanism is put in place. The

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State Governments will get a mandate registered with RBI / Principal Banker on their current account, in favour of NABARD/ NLEs to the effect that, in the event of default by the concerned State Government in repaying the principle and interest on loans taken from NABARD/ NLEs shall have the first charge on the all receipts of the concerned State Government in their current account including from out of the Central Divisible Pool. NCDC shall continue to provide the loan to the Cooperatives/Federations in accordance with their financial terms and conditions, and ensure recovery of the loan provided to EEs. NCDC shall also ensure repayment of the loan along with interest to NABARD in case of refinancing by the NABARD to NCDC.

**13. Loan Disbursement**

13.1 Loan Lending period under FIDF will extends till 31.3.2026.

13.2 Projects wherein the first instalment of loan is released before March 2026, will be eligible for release of the remaining instalments, within 2 year period i.e. before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028 and all such releases are eligible for interest subventions under FIDF, subject to the provision of relevant provisions in these guidelines. However, efforts will be made to complete the implementation and release of loan amount at the earliest.

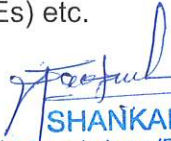
**14. Repayment of Loan**

14.1 **Maximum Repayment period** : 12 years inclusive of moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal.

14.2 NLEs will ensure that the maximum repayment period should not exceed 12 years from the date of first disbursement inclusive of a moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal.

14.3 However, the financing NLEs, at their discretion, may curtail the repayment period depending on the project magnitude, size of the financial investment, repayment capacity of the project proponents (EEs) etc.

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- 14.4 Banks and NABARD being independent commercial institutions would be at liberty to sanction/release the loans as per their commercial norms/ policies and in compliance with the regulatory guidelines as notified by RBI from time to time. The operational and credit related decisions like process of repayment, rate of interest , penal interest, security and extent of finance will be decided by NLE's.
- 14.5 Subject to provisions of FIDF, NCDC being a independent commercial institution would be at liberty to sanction or release the loans as per its commercial norms or policies and in compliance with the decisions of the competent authority including the Board of Management of NCDC and Government of India broadly in line with the guidelines issued by RBI for banks and NBFCs. Further, subject to provisions of FIDF, the operational and credit related decisions like process of repayment, penal interest, security and extent of finance will be decided by NCDC.
- 14.6 Subject to provisions of FIDF, NLEs to fix the lending rates in consonance with broad regulatory guidelines of RBI taking into account their cost of funds and the risk perception of the loan.
- 14.7 The State Governments will get a mandate registered with RBI/Principal Banker on their current account, in favour of NABARD/ NLEs to the effect that, in the event of default by the concerned State Government in repaying the principal and interest on loans taken, NABARD/ NLEs shall have the first charge on the all receipts of the concerned State Government in their current account including from out of the Central Divisible Pool.
- 14.8 Subject to provisions of FIDF, NLEs may consider providing additional loan against justified cost escalations of the approved projects, subject to approval of CAMC.
- 14.9 A project will be considered non- starter, if no drawals are made within six months from the date of sanction by NLE. Further, the sanction would lapse if the EE, fails to ground the project within a period of 12 months, from the date of

sanction by NLE. This is a broad guideline; however NLEs will take final decision on case to case basis.

- 14.10 NLEs may consider withdrawal of projects by EEs on account of genuine constraints and difficulties. EEs may be levied interest to the extent of loan withdrawal, even if withdrawal of project is during the period of moratorium, and commitment/ pre-payment charges, if any unless otherwise decided by NLEs.
- 14.11 NLEs may consider stopping further disbursements of loans and advances sanctioned for the project, until such amount in default are paid in full by EEs. In such cases, neither the lending agency, Department of Fisheries, GoI, NIA, (Nodal Implementing Agency) shall be liable for any loss, damage or expenses that may be caused in the completion of aforesaid projects.

#### **15. Availability of Land, Water Bodies and Statutory Clearance**

- 12.1 Loan under the FIDF shall not be provided for acquisition of land and water bodies in any manner such as purchase, transfer, lease, accession/addition etc. required for implementation of the identified project activities.
- 12.2 The project proponents (EEs) are required to acquire necessary land and water bodies (in case of non-availability of land with them) at their own cost and complete all processes associated with land acquisition, before submission of the proposal for concessional finance under the FIDF.
- 12.3 The projects having land and water bodies on long term lease may also be considered for financing under FIDF. However, the lease period/ agreement should be of sufficient duration to secure the loan. In case of lease, requisite No Objection Certificate from the competent authority for mortgage to NLEs may be obtained.
- 12.4 The project proponent (EEs) may not be allowed to terminate the lease agreement intermediately (earlier than the agreed lease period) and sell out the

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land and water bodies as well as facilities created with the loan availed under the FIDF. However, in case EEs are under compulsion to do so due to unavoidable circumstances whatsoever then they shall obtain permission from the concerned NLEs after return of the entire loan availed till that time, with applicable interest and prepayment penalty, if any, to the NLEs, in single instalment.

12.5 Confirmation with necessary documentary evidence on availability of land and water bodies and statutory clearances (wherever necessary) shall be clearly indicated in the DPR/Self Contained Proposal.

12.6 The EEs shall provide documentary evidence/certificate of availability of requisite land and water bodies free from all encroachment and encumbrances.

12.7 The EEs are required to obtain necessary statutory clearances, permits and licenses, whatsoever and wherever required for implementation of the intended project under the FIDF. The expenditure, if any involved in this processes shall be met by the applicants/beneficiaries.

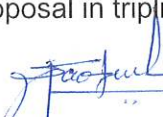
**16. Formulation of Detailed Project Report (DPR)**

16.1 Concessional financing under the FIDF is based on Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) / Self Contained Proposals.

16.2 Detailed projects especially for infrastructure and large magnitude projects shall be formulated based on;

- (i) Identification of suitable site,
- (ii) Necessary engineering and socio-economic investigations and surveys,
- (iii) Planning and designing of the facilities and
- (iv) Model studies wherever required etc.

16.3 The EEs shall submit the DPR/self Contained Proposal in triplicate copies.

  
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**17. Submission of the Project Proposal**

17.1 The complete DPRs/self-contained proposals for seeking concessional financing under the FIDF shall be submitted by the EEs at the following address:

**To  
Joint Secretary(Fisheries)  
Department of Fisheries,  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying,  
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17.2 A copy of the proposal shall also be submitted to the Nodal Implementing Agency(NIA) at the following address:

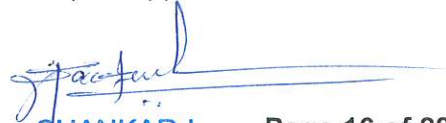
**The Chief Executive,  
National Fisheries Development Board,  
Department of Fisheries,  
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Government of India ,  
Pillar No:235, PVNR Expressway, SVPNPA Post,  
Hyderabad-500052.**

17.3 NIA would receive the proposals from the concerned State Governments/UTs in respect of State/UT owned/implemented projects and directly from the other EEs (wherever the State/UT financial contribution is not involved in implementation of the intended project under the FIDF).

17.4 Except Entrepreneurs/Companies all the other EEs shall route their applications through Nodal Departments of their respective State/UTs.

**18. Project Evaluation and Sanction**

18.1 NFDB, being the Nodal Implementing Agency (NIA), shall scrutinize, evaluate, appraise the proposals submitted by EEs and place such proposals before Central Approval and Monitoring Committee(CAMC) for approval.

  
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18.2 CAMC will meet as often as necessary, and consider the proposals placed before it and accord approval to projects signifying approval for grant of interest subvention and recommend such approved proposals to the NLEs for considering sanction of loans. Lending decision would be left to the Banks and NABARD as per their policy and regulatory guidelines.

18.3 NLEs to send a copy of the loan sanction to CAMC and NIA for information.

**19. Implementation Mechanism**

19.1 The National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB), Hyderabad under the Administrative control of the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been notified as Nodal Implementing Agency (NIA) at the national level for implementation of the FIDF and as such the NFDB will also continue to act as NLEs for the extended period of three years.

19.2 The Central Apex Committee (CAC) constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Fisheries would also continue to function during the entire period of FIDF as has been done in the last 5 years. The Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries for appraisal, appropriate recommendations, will also continue its responsibility during the extended period of three years. CAMC will continue to perform its responsibility of monitoring and evaluation of the approved projects till completion of the entire period of FIDF.

19.3 The amendments to the existing guidelines wherever required to incorporate the facility of credit guarantee and other requirements for smooth implementation of FIDF would be notified with the recommendations of CAC and approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

19.4 The institutional arrangements notified such (i) Nodal Implementing Agency, (ii) Central Apex Committee(CAC) and (iii) Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) would continue to function as usual during the entire period of implementation of FIDF.

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- 19.5 All the projects/proposals to be funded under FIDF will be evaluated, appraised and approved by the CAMC, and as such no separate specific appraisal mechanism at NLEs was envisaged proposed, as NLEs are also part of the CAMC. However, the lending agency (NLE) shall continue to undertake its own independent credit appraisal, if any required in accordance with their existing norms & regulations.
- 19.6 Once the projects are approved by the CAMC and the Department of Fisheries, the NLEs will sanction and release the admissible loan to the Eligible Entities(EEs) directly after fulfilment of their financial regulations. The loan amount shall be released to EEs in instalments depending on assessment of the progress by the CAMC. The quantum of funds to be borrowed, loan amount to each viable proposal and number of instalments in which loan amount will be released to EEs will be decided by the CAMC at the appraisal/approval stage.
- 19.7 Under the FIDF, budgetary requirements of Rs 939.48 crore has been estimated, which mainly includes interest subvention and funds management /risk coverage charges of Rs. 924.25 crore and Rs. 15.23 crore for administrative expenses. The earmarked funds under administrative expenses shall be utilized for (i) Information Education Communication (IEC) activities and preparation of IEC materials, (ii) cost of seminars, workshops, conferences, official meetings, farmers and cooperative meets, (iii) cost of hiring of personnel on contract such as consultants/experts/advisors (4 Nos) & Data Entry Operators (4 Nos) and MTS etc. in the DoF, (iv) publicity and promotional activities, (v) documentation both in print and electronic forms on success stories and best management practices, (vi) cost of supervision, monitoring and evaluation, (vii) preparation of MIS & necessary hardware/software, (viii) evaluation studies, (ix) cost of need based training, skill development and capacity building, (ix) hiring of project management consultants/advisors including PMA and (x) IT based applications, as may be required for implementation of FIDF etc.

  
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19.8 The below mentioned committees have been constituted by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the committees would continue to function for implementation of the FIDF;

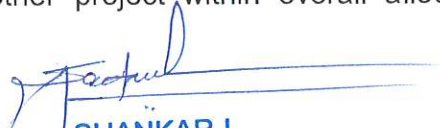
**19.8.1 Central Apex Committee (CAC)**

**19.8.1.1 Composition**

- (i) Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Gol - Chairperson
- (ii) Chairperson, NABARD or his nominee
- (iii) Managing Director, NCDC or his nominee
- (iv) Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Fisheries, Gol
- (v) Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
- (vi) Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
- (vii) Joint Secretary (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries, Gol
- (viii) A nominee of NITI Aayog
- (ix) Chief Executive, NFDB, Hyderabad
- (x) Representatives of any of two participating banks namely SBI & BoB
- (xi) Joint Commissioner (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries, Gol – Member  
Convener

**19.8.1.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)**

- (i) To fix the lending rate for any given financial year.
- (ii) Approval, modification and amendments of guidelines of the FIDF.
- (iii) To approve the Annual Action Plans, as finalized by DoF in consultation with the NABARD, NCDC and at least two scheduled Banks.
- (iv) To approve funds drawl plan submitted by DoF, as and when required.
- (v) CAC is empowered to re-appropriate funds from one activity to another activity and one project to another project within overall allocation under the FIDF.

  
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- (vi) CAC is empowered to modify physical and financial targets of individual activities, course correction, where required during implementation based on regular review, approved inclusion and changes in physical and other guidelines including project area etc.
- (vii) To co-opt external experts from the field of fisheries as members of CAC.
- (viii) CAC is fully empowered to make any changes in the FIDF guidelines and delegate powers to CAMC that may be necessary for smooth implementation of the FIDF.
- (ix) CAC is empowered to allocate overall financial resources amongst various projects/schemes/category of EEs/beneficiaries.
- (x) CAC will meet twice a year, or as frequently as may be required, and provide policy and strategic support to implement the FIDF smoothly.
- (xi) The expenditure involved in conduct of meeting, preparation of report, minutes etc., in respect of the CAC shall be met from the FIDF.

#### 19.8.2 Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC)

##### 19.8.2.1 Composition

- (i) Joint Secretary (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries– Chairperson
- (ii) A nominee of NITI Aayog
- (iii) Fisheries Development Commissioner, Department of Fisheries
- (iv) A nominee of NFDB
- (v) A nominee of NABARD
- (vi) A nominee of NCDC
- (vii) A nominee of concerned scheduled banks
- (viii) A nominee of ICAR
- (ix) Secretary-in-Charge of Fisheries of the concerned State/UT or his nominee/representative
- (x) Joint Commissioner(Fisheries), Department of Fisheries – Member Convener

##### 19.8.2.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)

  
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- (a) To examine, appraise and approve the feasible/viable proposals both from administrative and financial angles under the FIDF.
- (b) CAMC will hold its meetings at least once in a month on a regular basis to clear the proposals received in the DoF. CAMC may also convene its meeting any time depending on the receipt of the proposals.
- (c) CAMC will also review and monitor the projects approved under the FIDF. The monitoring meetings of CAMC shall be held on a quarterly basis to review the progress of the project taken up under the FIDF.
- (d) CAMC shall examine, appraise, and approve the feasible/viable proposals in accordance with the implementation guidelines, cost norms, unit costs, admissible loan component and other advisories/guidelines/clarifications if any issued in respect of the FIDF from time-to-time.
- (e) Any other duties/responsibilities assigned by the Central Apex Committee (CAC) as and when required for implementation of the FIDF.
- (f) To approve any innovation projects/activities designed to enhance fish productivity/production/value.

## 20. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

20.1 The CAMC constituted in the Department of Fisheries will review and monitor the projects approved under the FIDF. The monitoring meetings of CAMC shall be held on a quarterly basis to review the progress of the project taken up under the FIDF.

20.2 The concerned project proponent/EEs shall submit the progress report to Department of Fisheries regularly on a quarterly basis clearly indicating physical and financial achievements. EEs also will submit project completion report to Department of Fisheries, after the intended projects are completed.

- 20.3 NIA will undertake Desk & Field monitoring, and identifying critical issues and bottlenecks such as non-starter projects, slow progressing projects, geographical distribution of projects, compilation of project-wise progress report, outcomes etc., NIA, will design a monitoring mechanism, if any required, and place it before the CAMC/CAC for approval.
- 20.4 NIA will assist the CAMC in all the matters relating to monitoring and evaluation of the projects and place its report, before CAMC.
- 20.5 CAMC will carry out project-wise mid-term corrections, if any required due to technical administrative compulsions. The Mid-term corrections shall include, increase/decrease of the project scope, re-arrangement of the project components, re-appropriation of funds from one item to other item within the overall approved project cost.

## 21. Unit Cost of Investment Activities

- 21.1 FIDF envisages preparation/formulation and notification of detailed guidelines on implementation of FIDF including component-wise unit costs, sanctioning of loan, approval processes, repayment of loan and interest, monitoring, evaluation, resource allocation etc.
- 21.2 Component-wise unit costs of the investment activities supported under the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) are furnished at **Table-1** of these Guidelines.
- 21.3 The projects with higher unit cost will also be considered under the FIDF. However, the interest subvention is limited to the unit cost content in the **Table-1** and balance liability over and above the sealing cost set under the **Table-1** will be met by the concerned Eligible Entities.

**22. Detailed Cost Estimate**

22.1 The Detailed Cost Estimate of the intended projects under FIDF for the purpose of assessing their unit cost will be worked out by the concerned Eligible Entities based on the following aspects:

- (a) The project cost estimate shall be formulated based on the approved Schedule of Rates of the concerned State Government/UT which are applicable in the intended project locality.
- (b) In case, no approved Schedule of Rates are available for civil works under the intended project, the unit rates in respect of such items are arrived at after detailed rate analysis which will be endorsed by the local engineering Department of the concerned State/ UT Government.
- (c) In case of plant and machineries, where approved schedule of rates are not available, the estimate for such activities shall be prepared based on the rates quoted by authorised suppliers (authorised dealers).
- (d) A certificate to the effect that the project cost estimate has been formulated based on the prevailing Schedule of Rates, prevailing market rates and cost is reasonable shall be provided by the concerned Eligible Entities.

**23. Credit Guarantee**

23.1 FIDF provides credit guarantee facility to the projects of entrepreneurs, individual farmers and cooperatives to be approved under FIDF during the extended period of 3 years from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 from the existing credit guarantee fund of Infrastructure Development Fund of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

23.2 Detailed guidelines for providing credit guarantee facility to the aforementioned fisheries projects under the Infrastructure Development Fund of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying will be notified/issued separately by the Department of Fisheries in consultation with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

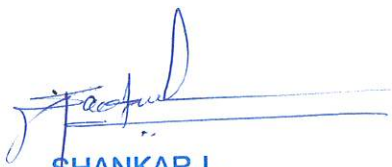
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**Table 1: Component-wise unit cost of the investment activities for support under the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)**

SI No.	Components	Unit	Unit Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
1	Establishment of Fishing Harbour	No.	15000.00
2	Establishment of Fish Landing Center	No.	1000.00
3	Construction of Ice Plant (both Marine and Inland Fisheries Sectors)	No.	100.00
4	Construction of Cold storage (both Marine and Inland Fisheries Sectors)	No.	100.00
5	Fish Transport Facility (Marine & Inland Fisheries Sector)	No.	20.00
6	Integrated Cold Chain (Marine & Inland Sector)	No.	500.00
7	Development of Modern Fish Market	No.	100.00
8	Setting up of Brood Bank	No	1000.00
9	Development of Hatchery	No	50.00
10	Development of Aquaculture	Ha	7.00
11	Modernization State Fish Seed Farm	No.	500.00
12	Establishment of state of art of Fisheries Training Centre	No.	500.00
13	Fish Processing Unit	No.	4674.00
14	Fish Feed Mills/Plant		
	(a) Feed mill of minimum 4 to 5 tonne per day capacity	No	10.00
	(b) Feed mill/plant of minimum 10 tonne per day capacity	No	650.00
15	Establishment of Cage culture in Reservoir	No.	3.00
16	Introduction of Deep Sea Fishing Vessel	No.	80.00
17	Establishment of Disease Diagnostic Laboratory	No.	150.00
18	Development of Mariculture		
	(a) Sea cage culture	No	5.00
	(b) Hatchery	No	50.00
	(c) Nursery Area	Ha	6.00
	(d) Sea weed/Bivalve/Pearl cultures	With a total lump sum amount of Rs.4225.00 lakh	
19	Establishment of Aquatic Quarantine Facility	No.	2500.00
20	Any other innovative project/activity designed to enhance fish production/productivity/value.	Lump sum	

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2. General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) 24, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 (Tele:41539353)
3. Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), 4, Siri Institutional Area, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016 (Telefax: 011-26962370)
4. Reserve Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi
5. All Scheduled Banks
6. Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board, Fish Building, Near Pillar No.235, PVNR Express way, SVPNPA Post, Hyderabad- 500052
7. Integrated Finance Division, Department of Fisheries, MoFAHD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
8. The Principal Accounts Officer, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Room No- 319, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
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10. The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.), Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011
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25. The Secretary(Fisheries), Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Secretariat, Moti Daman -396 220 (Email: Collector-dnh@nic.in)
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