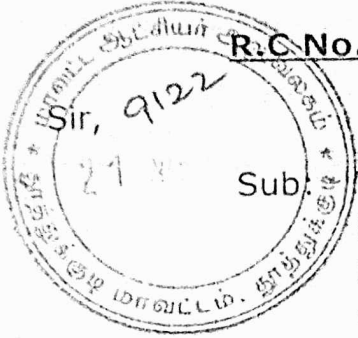


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**TAMIL NADU FISHERMEN WELFARE BOARD**

From  
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To  
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**R.C.No. 334/TNFWB/2024, Dated:13.11.2024**



Sub: Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board (TNFWB)-  
Measures to enhance contribution funds to TNFWB-  
Request to provide suitable instructions to the officials  
of Revenue, WRD, HR&CE and Local authorities to  
provide 7% fishing lease contribution amount of the  
water bodies leased out by the respective authorities -  
- Regarding.

- Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms.) No.59, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and  
Fisheries (FS-3) Department, Dated:20.04.2007  
2. G.O.(Ms.) No.103, Animal Husbandry, Dairying  
and Fisheries (FS-3) Department,  
Dated:29.06.2007  
3. G.O.(Ms.) No.123, Animal Husbandry, Dairying  
and Fisheries (FS-3) Department,  
Dated:30.08.2019.

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I wish to bring to your kind notice that vide the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, an exclusive Fishermen Welfare Board was established in 2007 with a view to ensure social security and wellbeing of fishers and labourers engaged in fishing and other allied activities in the age group of 18 to 65 years. The Tamil Nadu Fishermen and Labourers engaged in Fishing and other Allied Activities (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2007 was framed for the functioning of the Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board and the Act came into effect from 29.06.2007 vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited.

The Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board is headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries – Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry as Chairman and the Director of Fisheries as Member Secretary. The Board is providing various relief/assistance schemes to its registered members viz., accidental death relief, loss of limbs due to accident, Death while fishing or immediately thereafter not due to accident, Missing Fishermen while fishing, Natural death, Funeral expenses, Educational assistance, Marriage assistance and delivery assistances.

Further, as a measure to provide an opportunity for the fishermen wards to pursue B.F.Sc.,(Bachelor of Fisheries Science) and B.Tech (Fisheries Engineering) in Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam, the Board is providing full educational sponsoring for 5% of fishermen wards admitted under Fishermen quota.

About 4.97 Lakh members have been enrolled in the Board from both marine and Inland fisheries sector and the expenditure to the aforesaid schemes are being met from the contributions received from various sources. During the year 2023-24, various relief/assistance claims settled to 5,346 beneficiaries for a sum of Rs.6.24 crore.

In this regard, I wish to state that according to the clause (iv), sub-section (4) of section 9 of Tamil Nadu Fishermen and Labourers engaged in Fishing and other Allied Activities (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2007 and the Amendment Act, 2019, the contribution fund at the rate of 7% of the fishing lease amount should be collected by the respective authorities from the water bodies leased out for fishing under the jurisdiction of Revenue, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Water Resources Department, Fisheries and Local authorities as one among the source of contribution to Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board. However, it is learnt that the fishing lease contribution for all the water bodies leased out for fishing under the purview of Revenue, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Water Resources Department and

Local authorities are not being fully provided to the Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board.

Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board from its inception to till date, relief/assistance claims provided to 80,951 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.57.91 crore. With the increasing number of members in the Board and the relief/assistance schemes provided to the beneficiaries have been increased every year, the Board is facing financial constraints with the limited source of contribution fund.

Hence with the remittance of 7% fishing lease contribution from all the water bodies under the control of Revenue, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Water Resources Department and Local authorities, the Fishermen Welfare Board would be fortified with sufficient contributory fund to meet the expenditure towards providing various relief assistance schemes to the fisherfolk.

In this regard, I request you to suitably instruct the officials concerned to take necessary action to provide 7% fishing lease contribution for the water bodies leased out for fishing under the jurisdiction of the respective authorities so as to facilitate the Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board to be strengthened with ample contributory funds to aid the Board in providing relief and assistance schemes to its members. The fishing lease contribution amount may be remitted through the concerned District Assistant Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare by means of Demand Draft in favour of "Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board", Chennai.

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Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board.

  
for Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board

