

ANNEXURE- I

MODALITIES FOR MAKING PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO THE FISHERMEN OF YANAM REGION AFFECTED DUE TO LAYING OF 20" GAS EXPORT PIPELINE (NEW PROJECT) BY M/s. OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD (M/s.ONGC)

I. Objective of the Compensation:-

To compensate the loss of livelihood of fishermen of Yanam region affected due to the execution of project of laying pipeline of 20" Gas export from offshore platform to onshore plant at Mallavaram village in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh through the Yanam area of the UT of Puducherry under the new project namely "DEEP Water NELP BLOCK KG-DWN-98/2" implemented by M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (M/s.ONGC).

II. Eligibility Criteria:-

The following are the eligibility criteria for receiving compensation.

- (i) The fishers whose livelihood is fishing activity only shall be identified for payment of compensation.
- (ii) The Age group of the beneficiary should be *between 18-65 years as on the date of commencement of the project.*
- (iii) The fisher shall be a resident of Yanam region & shall be a members in FMCS / FWCS.
- (iv) The fisher should possess a Family Ration card issued by the Department of Civil Supplies, Government of Puducherry.
- (v) (a). The fisher should possess a registered fishing craft under ReAL craft with Yanam as base of operation. (or)
(b). Should be a part of crew of such registered fishing craft who would normally sustain his livelihood and depend on the owners of the vessel for fishing.
(c). Boat Owners and Crew members up to eight persons per Mechanized fishing vessels (Motorized Mechanical category), six persons per Motorized fishing crafts (Motorized Non- Mechanical category) and three persons per country craft/ Traditional craft (Non- Motorized category) shall be considered for compensation.
(d). Photo of the registered fishing craft along with Boat Owner and crew as categorised at point no (v)(c) clearly showing the boat registration number shall be captured and suitable marking may be done to avoid duplication of boats by Village Level Committee. [M/s. ONGC has to provide as many number of photographer and painter whenever required].
(e). The eligible boat owner shall furnish the details of crew members as in the Annexure-II and certificate to this effect shall be submitted in the Annexure-III.
- (vi). In case of a single women with or without minor children, her identification should be certified by the Village Level Committee.
- (vii). The Government /Quasi / Semi Government / Private sector employees and students shall not be considered for compensation.
- (viii). If any identified beneficiary dies, the legal heirs shall be eligible to receive compensation after submission of Death certificate of the identified beneficiary.

III. Period and Quantum of Compensation:-

The payment of compensation is to be given for the new project "**DEEP Water NELP BLOCK KG-DWN-98/2**" implemented by M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (M/s.ONGC) and payment of compensation to the identified fishers @ 460/- each per day for a period of 25 days in a month, amounting to Rs. 11,500 per month depending on fishing operations shall be given from the date from which the fishing operations of Yanam fishermen were suspended due to the activities of the corporation to till the completion of the project by M/s. ONGC.

IV. Deposit of Compensation:-

M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited, Kakinada shall deposit in advance, compensation amount equivalent to six months with the Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare Distress Relief Society before commencing the pipeline laying work and the balance amount shall be deposited after five months of commencement of work.

V. Procedure for claiming compensation by the affected fishers:

(i). An application for payment of compensation in the forms prescribed in the annexures shall be duly filled by the respective applicants and submitted to the Office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam and thereafter shall be forwarded to the concerned Village Level Committee.

(ii). **The Village Level Committee (VLC)** shall comprise of the Village Administrative Officer (VAO), Department of Revenue & Disaster Management, Yanam, Village Level Fishery Officer (VLFO), Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Yanam and Senior Inspector of Cooperatives (SIC), Cooperative Department, Yanam.

(iii). The Village Level Committee (VLC) shall identify the affected fisher from the affected villages as per the eligibility criteria and recommend the names of eligible fishermen to the Regional Level Committee for scrutiny.

(iv). **The Regional Level Committee (RLC)** shall comprise of the Regional Administrator, Yanam as Chairman, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam as Member convener, Deputy Tahsildar, Yanam as Member.

(v). The Regional Level Committee shall examine the list of affected fishers submitted by the Village Level Committee with reference to the criteria and cause to conduct social audit for transparency and making rectifications, if any.

(vi). The list of eligible fishers identified for payment of compensation shall be displayed in the conspicuous places in the concerned Village and invite objections if any, within 10 days from the date of such display. It shall also be displayed in the Government Website.

(vii). If any person is submitting objections in writing to the Member convener – cum- Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam he /she shall be provided with proper acknowledgement and thereafter shall be examined by the Regional Level Committee (RLC) for disposal of claims based on merits within the reasonable time limit.

(viii). The Regional Administrator, Yanam shall forward a proposal along with consolidated list of eligible beneficiaries as in Annexure - V to the Secretary (Fisheries) through District Collector, Puducherry.

(ix). On receipt of proposal from the Secretary (Fisheries), the Director of Fisheries shall process and submit a proposal to the Government for obtaining expenditure sanction. After obtaining sanction, it shall be sent to the Pondicherry fishermen Welfare and Distress Relief Society for disbursement of compensation amount to the affected fishermen through Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam.

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(x). If a fisherman holds more than one boat, the beneficiary will be entitled only for one compensation and those beneficiary beyond 50 years of age will be entitled for compensation only in the absentia of Old Age Pension.

(xi). The payment will be made to the individual accounts of beneficiaries through Aadhar Payments Bridge System (APBS).

(xii). The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam will disburse the amount through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) within one month from the date of transfer of amount, as per Government order and furnish a weekly physical and financial progress report on the utilization of the compensation amount to the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.

(xiii). Any disputes / discrepancies / complaints related to the above "compensation" shall be referred to the Regional Level Committee (RLC) which shall re - examine and dispose it on merit basis. The decision of the Regional Level Committee shall be final.

(xiv). The final list of beneficiaries will be published / hosted in the Department Website.

(BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)



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