

# Annexure

## Operative Guidelines for Sagar Mitras under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for the year 2020-21

### 1. Introduction:

The State of Andhra Pradesh has a vast coast line of 974 Kms with a marine area 33,227 Sq km of continental shelf. 350 Fish Landing centers including 4 Fishing Harbors, notified by GOI and 28432 (As on 31-10-2020) of fishing boats (Mechanized, Motorized and Non-motorized) are venturing in to the sea for fishing and 5.65 lakhs metric tons of marine Fish catch reported during the year 2019-20. The fishery in off shore waters becomes exhausted and the fishermen are forced to venture into beyond territorial water for fishery. Hence the majority Crafts are conducting multiday fishing.

### 2. Objective:

1. The coastal fishers folk shall avail the extension services at grass root level through Sagar Mitra for socio- economic development of fisher families.
2. The qualified/ eligible youth of the coastal villages will be engaged for providing sensitive support service as Sagar Mitras at respective landing centers and concerned coastal villages.
3. This system will create job opportunities to young professionals in Coastal village and have opportunities to cater to their communities/Villages.

### 3. Qualification and Selection procedure

#### Qualifications

- **Educational Qualification:** Fisheries Polytechnic Diploma holder (or) Bachelor degree in Fisheries Science/Marine Biology/Zoology.
- Order of preference will be given to candidates who having Fisheries Polytechnic Diploma holders, Bachelor degree in Fisheries Science/Marine Biology/Zoology from recognised university.

### Selection Procedure

- The selection among the applicants will be made in the following order of preference  
Category – I : Fisheries Polytechnic Diploma holders from recognised university.  
Category- II : Bachelor degree in Fisheries Science/Marine Biology/Zoology from recognised university
- The candidates who finalised from the categories I & II have to produce proof on soft skills qualification from the registered institute.
- The candidates who called for interview has to submit declaration to stay in concerned Fishermen village before attending interview.
- The selection committee will commence the selection first from among the applicants in category-I. If sufficient number of candidates are not available, the committee than select the candidates from among the applicants in category-II.
- Selection procedure; weightage will be given 75% for merit (Education Qualification), Soft skills 10% and Interview 15%.
- **Age limit;** between 18 to 35 years ( as on 30/11/2020)
- Selection of 80% candidates from native district and 20% from non-local districts of Andhra Pradesh State.
- Selection shall be made by a District Selection Committee with District Collector/Joint Collector (R & RBK) as a Chairman, District Fisheries Officer of Fisheries Department is member convenor and Joint Director (AH), Department of Animal Husbandry in the district as Member.
- Roster system and rule of reservation shall be followed as per rules.
- Selection shall be done through issue of an advertisement in local leading news paper.

### Terms and Conditions

- Selected candidates will work with performance incentive of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousands only) per month on contractual basis.
- Additional performance incentives up to Rs.5,000/- per month will be given by engaging additional tasks from time to time, and performance will be accounted on regular duties.

- Extension of their services by year by year based on their performance review and continuation of schemes funding
- Sagar Mitras are engaged under PMMSY scheme, after closure of the PMMSY scheme the Department of Fisheries, Government of India will not pay performance incentives to Sagar Mitras. Hence the Department of Fisheries, GoAP shall not be responsible for continuation of services of Sagar Mitras.

#### 4. Pattern of assistances.

As per GoI sanction & release F.No.117012-11/2020-Fy,GoI,MoF, AH&D, DoF, dated:31<sup>st</sup> July,2020.

Total No of Sagra Mitras sanctioned	<b>350</b>
Unit cost	Rs.0.90 lakhs
GOI Share	Rs.189.00 lakhs (60%)
GOAP share	Rs.126.00 lakhs (40%)

#### 5. Role and Responsibilities:

- The primary roles and responsibilities of Sagar Mitras are, interface between the Government and fishermen and act as first person of contact for any marine fisheries related demands/services of fishers,
- To create awareness among the local fishers on various schemes and programmes.
- Promote participatory management of fisheries resources.
- Sensitize the local fishers about the government policies, programmes and regulations.
- Dissemination of information on weather forecast, PFZ, natural calamities.
- Create awareness about the hygienic handling of fish, personal hygiene, healthy living and Working conditions.
- To create awareness on sustainable utilization of fisheries resources and relevant regulation including CCRF, importance of ocean and coastal ecosystem conservation, prevention of IUU fishing etc.
- to promote women empowerment through alternative livelihood, post harvest and marketing activities,

- (ix) to compile information/data on daily fish production, fishing vessels including their entry and exist, fish price and marketing information and provide such data to the government
- (x) to mobilize fishers for training or impart training and perform any other tasks entrusted by central and State Governments.
- (xi) The Sagar Mitras is responsible to report untold incidents if any happened in their jurisdiction and tracking the movement of Marine Fishermen who venturing into the Sea day to day.

#### 6. Mode of Implementation:

- (i) The sagar mitra will be engaged purely on contractual bases.
- (ii) The selection of sagar mitras will be at district level under the chairmanship of District Collector.
- (iii) The selected candidates will be entrusted notified Fish Landing Centres. He or she is the responsible for transmission of data, liaison between fishers and Government of villages covered in the Landing Centre.
- (iv) Selection of Sagar Mitras, through an advertisement given in the respective district only.
- (v) Preference should be given to the qualified local youth within the criteria mentioned in the guidelines.
- (vi) Selected Sagar Mitra services shall be available to the fishers/Boat operators for 24x7 to register incoming & outgoing vessel, fish catch and communicating information of PFZ and Weather information/ warnings.
- (vii) The preference to be given for skills and knowledge in usage of IT tools.
- (viii) Selected Sagar Mitras will work under supervision of local fisheries officer under the control of District Officer concerned.

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