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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Fisheries

Directorate of Fisheries

Notification

DF/GB/GEN-INS-4/Insur. Proposal/2025-26

Date: 24-Jun-2025

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to introduce “**Mukhel Mantri Nustekar Mazat Yevjan**” (MMNMY) for the fisher of the State.

1. *Short title and commencement.*—

- 1) This scheme may be called “Mukhel Mantri Nustekar Mazat Yevjan” (MMNMY).
- 2) It shall come into force from financial year 2025-26.

2. *Introduction.*—

The fisheries industry in Goa, comprising of marine and freshwater plays a vital role in the socio-economic development of the State. Majority of the families involved in the fishing industry depend on

fishing and related activities for their livelihoods. There are about 3000+ fishing vessels registered with the Department and many of these fishermen are the primary breadwinners. Further, there are around 10000+ crew and allied workers working during the peak fishing season.

The working conditions of fishermen/crew/allied workers involved in commercial fishing whether onshore or offshore are challenging, strenuous with long hours and seasonal employment. Fishermen involved in commercial fishing can be at sea for extended periods of time, and depending on the harvest may have to work on deck with little or no sleep nor opportunity to rest. These fishermen are exposed to the elements, depending on the season, and work on vessels that are in constant motion due to wind and sea conditions. Their work platform is in constant motion and requires balance and skill to complete their work safely. Further, the fishermen/crew/allied workers have a limited source of income and majority of them belong to the financially weaker section of the Society. Further, those individuals working onshore also work under strenuous conditions. Consequently, their health is affected. Fishermen may have a shorter life expectancy due to the inherently dangerous nature of their profession, which includes exposure to harsh weather conditions, heavy physical labor, long hours at sea, potential for accidents with fishing equipment, and limited access to healthcare, all of which can contribute to a higher risk of early death from natural causes like heart disease, stroke and musculoskeletal disorders.

3. *Objective of the scheme.*—

The scheme is being implemented for providing financial assistance in the form of family benefit to the bereaved households in case of the death of the active fishermen who is a breadwinner “irrespective of the cause of death”. The family benefit will be paid to the next of kin of the deceased fisher. The death of such a breadwinner should have occurred whilst he/she is more than 18 years of age and below 70 years.

4. *Administration of Corpus Fund.*—

- A. The Corpus Fund shall be administered by a Managing Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Fisheries, Secretary (Fisheries), the Director of Fisheries and two Representatives from Fisheries Co-operative Society/Association as members to carry out the objective of the Corpus Fund and shall exercise all the powers within the parameters of the conditions of the Corpus Fund.
- B. Non lapsable corpus fund shall be created under the scheme, to disburse the compensation amount under this scheme.
- C. This fund shall be created in a Nationalized Bank Account and provisions/funds provided by the Government should be transferred and invested in the said account.
- D. The quantum size of the Corpus Fund is “Rs. 20 Lakhs annually” paid from the budgetary provision made in the Budget Head of Department.
- E. The amount will be invested in a fixed deposit and shall be prematurely withdrawn in case the compensation amount exceeds the available balance in the account.
- F. This account shall be operated jointly by the Director of Fisheries and Assistant Account Officer.

5. *Terms and Conditions for Enrolment under the scheme.*—

A. Eligibility for enrollment

1. The fisher shall be aged above 18 years (completed) and below 70 years. The enrollment will cease at the age of 70 (completed).

2. The fisher shall possess either a valid Vessel Registration Certificate or Net Registration Certificate or fish seller card or any registration certificate issued by the Department.
3. In case of Fish Farmer/Aquaculture, the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (C.A.A.) certificate along with a proof of 15 years domicile in the State of Goa may be provided.
4. Beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Blue Revolution scheme with valid 15 years residence certificate.
5. In the case of crew working temporarily on the fishing vessel/fish farm:
 - i. Certificate from owner of the vessel stating that the individual is working as crew on his/her vessel, is mandatory.

OR

- i. Certificate from owner of the fish farm stating that the individual is working as worker, is mandatory.
 - ii. He/she should be a resident of Goa with 15 years of domicile and provide a residence certificate from the concerned authority.
 - iii. The crew member will be temporarily enrolled only for one financial year and shall submit certificate from owner stating that he/she is working in farm/vessel for subsequent renewal failing which he/she shall be not eligible for the benefit of the scheme.
6. The Declaration from the next of kin stating that he/she is not Government servant or employed in any other Government undertaking institute/Corporation/Agency.

B. Next of Kin

1. Any change in the name of the next of kin is valid only if the fisherman provides a written statement.
2. The next of kin shall not be Government servant or employed in any other Government undertaking institute/Corporation/Agency.

C. Procedure for enrollment

1. The applicant shall apply to the Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji through the respective Zone Office in the prescribed application form along with all the documents for enrollment.
2. The application form shall be available in the Head Office, Panaji, Department Zone offices, Block Development Offices (BDO) and Village Panchayat.
3. One time registration fees of Rs. 100/- shall be paid by the applicant during registration and fees shall be deposited in the account opened as per clause 5 sub-clause C.

D. Period of Application

1. The coverage period under the scheme is from 01st April to 31st March of every year.
2. The applicant has to apply to the Department for enrollment from 1st January to 15th March of every year in order to enroll under policy starting with effect from 1st April to 31st March of every year.

6. *Terms and Conditions while claiming the compensation under the scheme.—*

A. Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny committee for scrutiny of application received from the applicant for compensation shall comprise of Deputy Director of Fisheries, Assistant Accounts Officer and Superintendent of Fisheries of concerned zone.

B. Documents Required:

1. The claim shall be submitted by the next of kin in prescribed application form along with the following documents:
 - a) Documents related to the deceased fisher.
 - i. Death certificate of the deceased fisher issued by Panchayat/Municipality.
 - ii. ID card/document issued by the Directorate of Fisheries to the deceased fisher after enrollment under the scheme.
 - iii. Aadhar card of the next of kin.
 - iv. Bank details of the next of kin.
 - v. Passport size photo of the next of kin.
 - vi. Declaration stating that the next of kin is not Government servant or employed in any other Government undertaking institute/Corporation/Agency.

C. Procedure while claiming the compensation:

1. The next of kin shall apply to the Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji through the respective Zone Office in the prescribed application form along with all the documents required while claiming the compensation.
2. The application form shall be available in the Head Office, Panaji, Department Zone offices, Block Development Offices (BDO), and Village Panchayat.
3. The claim application shall be submitted to the Directorate of Fisheries within 3 months from the date of death of the Fisher.
4. The Scrutiny committee constituted as per Clause 6 sub-clause A shall scrutinize the applications and eligible application shall be recommended for compensation to the Managing committee constituted as per clause 4 sub-clause A.

D. Sanction of compensation:

1. A compensation not exceeding to ₹ 50,000/- will be given as a lump sum assistance to the next of kin of the deceased fisher who has enrolled under the scheme.
2. In case the claim amount for particular year is more than the contribution paid by the Government then the Managing committee may decide for the actual compensation to be paid to the next of kin.

E. Disbursement procedure:

1. The application found eligible shall be sanctioned financial assistance once the sanction is accorded.
2. A compensation amount will be disbursed from the Bank account created for the said scheme.
3. The Director of Fisheries shall draw and disburse the financial assistance through ECS/Aadhar based or any mode of payment in favour of the next of kin.

F. Applicant who avail or desire to avail the benefit of compensation of any other Insurance scheme through Directorate of Fisheries shall not be eligible for the compensation under the scheme.

7. *Relaxation of the provision of the scheme.*—

The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine case(s) for sanction of the grant in consultation with Finance Department.

8. *Interpretation of the provisions of this scheme.*—

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

9. *Budget.*—

The required Budget provision shall be provided by Directorate of Fisheries under the 2405—Fisheries; 00—; 800—Other Expenditure; 11—General Insurance; 00—General, 32—Contributions under Demand No. 66.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide U.O. No. 1400096459 dated 14-04-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Director & ex officio Joint/Secretary (Fisheries).

Date: 24-06-2025.

Place: Panaji-Goa.

**Department of Home**

Home-General Division

Notification

2/15/2023-HD(G)/1747

Date: 01-Jul-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 45 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (Act No. 37 of 1967), the Government of Goa hereby appoints the Secretary (Law),

Government of Goa as the Independent Review Authority, for the purpose of making an independent review of the evidence gathered in the course of investigation for prosecution and submit recommendation

This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Manesh Hari Kedar, Under Secretary (Home-I).

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Department of Information and Publicity

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Notification

DI/INF/Jour-Pension/120/2016/1997

Date: 30-Jun-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Goa State Working Journalist Welfare Scheme 2021-22 and all other enabling powers under it, the Government of Goa makes the following clause to amend 'The Goa State Working Journalist Welfare Scheme 2021-22 namely:—

1. i. This Scheme may be called the Goa State Working Journalist Welfare Scheme (Second Amendment), 2021-22.

ii. They shall come into force from the date of publication of the same in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment to Clause 'X', Welfare Amount Sub-Clause (i) shall be read as:—

An amount of Rs.10,000/- p.m. shall be disbursed as pension for pensioner & family pensioner.

3. Clause 'X' Welfare Amount, Sub-Clause (ii) shall be deleted.

This issues with the approval of FD under U.O. No. 1400087151 dated 19-05-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dipak Bandekar, Director & ex officio Addl. Secy. (Information & Publicity).

Note: The Scheme is published in the Official Gazette on January 13, 2022.

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Department of Mines

Directorate of Mines and Geology

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Notification

01/36/2024/New Laws/ADM/Mines/894

Date: 19-Jun-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act No. 67 of 1957) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. *Amendment of rule 57.*— In rule 57 of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”), in sub-rule (2), for the expression “within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code”, the expression “as defined in clause (28) of Section 2 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 45 of 2023)” shall be substituted.
3. *Amendment of rule 81.*— In rule 81 of the principal Rules, for the expression “the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974)”, the expression “the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023)” shall be substituted.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Narayan M. Gad, Director/ex officio Joint Secretary.

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Department of Tribal Welfare

Directorate of Tribal Welfare

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Notification

DTW10MeritBasedAward/Scheme/9/Amendment/25-26/1614

Date: 27-Jun-2025

Read: “Merit Based Award and recognition of high performance in Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa.”

Whereas, the Government has notified a scheme “**Merit Based Award Scheme and recognition of high performance in Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa**” vide Notification No. DTW/STAT/PC/2012-13/67 dated 06-02-2013, Notification No. 4-2-2015-16/Scheme/MBA/TW/11521 dated 06-10-2015 and Amended vide Notification No. DTW/10 Merit Base Award/Scheme/9/Amendment/2017-18/7780 dated 15-01-2018.

And whereas, Government desires to amend the Clause 4 and Clause 5 of the scheme “Merit Based Award Scheme and recognition of high performance in Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa”.

Now therefore, clause 4 and clause 5 of the scheme “Merit Based Award Scheme and recognition of high performance in Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa” are amended to read as under:

4. *Eligibility & Benefits proposed under the Scheme.*—

- A. *Felicitation of Rank Holder students:*— Under the scheme, amongst the Schedule Tribe students, first five rank holders of SSC, first five rank holders of HSSC board exams (separately for all the streams of Science, Commerce, Arts and Vocational) will be felicitated in a public function. Certificate of Appreciation will be given at the time of felicitation. Financial award of Rs. 24,000/- will be transferred electronically in the Bank Account of the Rank Holder Students. There is no restriction on the basis of income ceiling.
- B. *Merit Based Award for Schedule Tribe students* whose annual family income is less than Rs. 5,00,000/- per annum having secured the requisite bench mark percentage.

- Students securing marks in the range (between 50% to 59.99%) will be given one time financial award of Rs. 6,000/-.
- Students securing marks in the range (between 60% to 69.99%) will be given one time financial award of Rs. 9,600/-.
- Students securing marks in the range (between 70% to 74.99%) will be given one time financial award of Rs. 12,000/-.
- Students securing 75% marks and above will be given one time financial award of Rs. 18,000/-.

5. *Mode of Application & Pattern of Assistance.*—

The applications under the scheme shall be applied online in the prescribed form. Application complete in all respects, shall be submitted on the portal after registration by the applicants and shall be forwarded by the Nodal Officer of the Institution after scrutiny and with his/her recommendation of the Head of Institution to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare. Each fresh application shall be accompanied by the following documents:—

- Passport size Photograph.
- Scheduled Tribe Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
- Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
- SSCE/HSSCE Marksheet.
- Aadhaar seeded Bank Pass Book.
- Aadhaar card.
- Receipt of the Fees Paid (Current Year Admission).

All other Clauses in the above mentioned scheme remain unchanged.

This amendment shall come into force w.e.f. the academic year 2025-26 onwards.

This is issued with the administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 1916/F dated 01-06-2025 and concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide U.O. No. 1400044817 dated 21-06-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dipak S. Desai, Director & ex officio, Joint Secretary (TW).



Department of Women & Child Development

Directorate of Women and Child Development

Notification

2-716/2021/DWCD/ICDS/Budget Speech/RBS/3455

Date: 01-Jul-2025

Read Notification: 2-716/2021/DWCD/ICDS/Budget Speech/RBS/9561 dated 28-03-2022.

In terms of the powers conferred vide clause 16 of the “Retirement Benefit Scheme for Anganwadi Workers (AWW)/Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs)” notified in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 1 dated 7-04-2022, the Government hereby amends the said Scheme as hereunder:

1. *Name of Scheme*: The scheme may be called as “Retirement Benefit Scheme for Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers” who are honorary workers under the Anganwadi Services Scheme.
2. *Commencement*: It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
3. *Objectives*: The objective of the Scheme is to determine the retirement age and to provide lump sum financial assistance on such retirement in order to help and enable the AWW/AWH to take care of their requirements after their retirement.
4. *Implementation*: The Scheme shall be implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development.
5. *Definition*: (a) ‘CDPO’, means the Child Development Project Officer of the respective block under the Anganwadi Services Scheme.
(b) ‘Member’, means the Anganwadi Worker/Helper engaged and working under the Anganwadi Services Scheme.
(c) ‘Department’, means the Directorate of Women and Child Development.
(d) ‘Director’, means the Director of Women and Child Development, Government of Goa.
6. All the AWWs & AWHs under the Anganwadi Services Scheme shall be eligible to be the members of the Scheme.
7. *Age of retirement*— The age of retirement of the AWWs & AWHs shall stand to be 62 years w.e.f. 01-05-2024 who would have retired on 30-04-2024 and onwards, subject to the clearance of medical fitness test from Government Medical Hospital beyond the age of 60 years. The AWWs & AWHs who attain the age of retirement thereafter shall stand retired on 30th of April. If the birth month is from January to April, then the retirement will be on 30th April of the respective Calendar year and if the birth month is from May to December then the retirement will be on 30th of April of the successive year.
8. The financial assistance under the Scheme shall be as under:
The AWW & AWH who has attained the age of 62 years shall be paid an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rs. Five lakhs only) and Rs. 3.00 lakhs (Rs. Three lakhs only) respectively under the scheme. If the AWW or AWH is found to be unfit to work at the age of 60, then the retirement benefit shall be paid on superannuation at the age of 60 years.
9. If any AWW/AWH opts for Voluntary retirement, then the AWW will be paid a sum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs and the AWH shall be paid a sum of Rs. 3.00 lakhs as retirement benefit provided the AWW/AWH has served for a minimum of 25 years.
10. The AWW/AWH has to give 03 months’ Notice to the Department in order to retire Voluntarily, which will require the acceptance by the Head of the Department.
 - The retirement shall become effective on the expiry of the Notice period, unless before the expiry thereof, permission for retirement is refused by the Head of the Department.
 - If the Voluntary retirement is applied on medical grounds then the Notice period need not be insisted upon and her request shall be accepted immediately.
 - The Notice of Voluntary retirement can be withdrawn with the permission of the HoD before the intended date of retirement.

- The HoD at his discretion can accept a Notice of Voluntary retirement of less than three months also.
11. In the case of sudden unexpected death of any AWW/AWH under the Retirement Benefit Scheme for AWW/AWH, then the retirement benefit amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs to AWW & Rs. 3.00 lakhs to AWH shall be paid to the nominee of that AWW/AWH.
 12. If any AWH gets promoted to AWW, then the years of services as a AWH shall be counted for the retirement benefit/voluntary retirement benefit.
 13. The CDPO of the concerned block shall keep up-to-date record of each AWW/AWH along with the details of her nominee at their level on the aforementioned scheme and send a monthly report of the retiring AWWs/AWHs to the Directorate.
 14. The concerned CDPO shall notify to the Director all details in respect of the AWW/AWH immediately before one month of the due date of retirement. The Department shall settle the claim of the retired member as per the scheme on or before the date of actual retirement through the CDPO concerned.
 15. The Department shall have the powers to undertake amendment or modification to the scheme on the approval of the Government.

This Supersedes earlier notification issued 2-716/2021/DWCD/ICDS/Budget Speech/RBS/9561 dated 28-03-2022 regarding Retirement Benefit Scheme.

This has been issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Division under their U.O. 1400080510 dated 23-06-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Jyoti Desai, Director/ex officio, Joint Secretary (Women & Child Development).