

TAFCOFED

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Cooperative Federation Limited

was registered under the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act of 1983 and started functioning from 06-11-1991 with Headquarters at Chennai. At present 589 Primary Fishermen Cooperative Societies and 9 District Fishermen Cooperative Federations have become Members in TAFCOFED and have paid Rs.89.095 lakhs as share capital. To uplift the socio economic status of traditional fishermen, TAFCOFED had been implementing Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project with financial assistance from N.C.D.C.

The Important activities of TAFCOFED are:

Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project (IMFDP) Phase – I
Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project (IMFDP) Phase-II
Service Centres
Diesel outlets
Sale of Outboard Motors/Inboard Engines(OBM/IBE)
Supply of Insulated Iceboxes

Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project (IMFDP) Phase – I

Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project: Phase-1 was implemented with a revised project cost of Rs.1699.047 lakhs in 78 fishing villages of 6 coastal districts of Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Nagapattinam, Ramanatha-puram, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari. So far, a sum of Rs.1361.35 lakhs have been spent under Phase-I for the supply of 2108 units of fishing inputs to 4234 fishermen on loan basis with 25% subsidy. Further financial assistance by way of loan with 25% subsidy has also been disbursed for the purchase of 118 two wheelers to the members of 19 Primary Fishermen Cooperative Societies for fish marketing.

The fishermen in the area of the aforesaid 6 districts have been given necessary training by TAFCOFED in Co-operative management and maintenance of IBE / OBM and Mass Contact Programmes are being conducted for creating awareness among fishermen of the activities of TAFCOFED and to avail the benefits of the schemes. Further, share capital loan without interest to the extent of Rs.19.50 lakhs has been disbursed by TAFCOFED under Phase-I to the members of 24 Primary Fishermen Cooperative Societies for marketing activities (viz) sale of Fish, engine spare parts and diesel etc.

INTEGRATED MARINE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (IMFDP) PHASE-II

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The Phase II Programme started from 1.4.98 in 13 Coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu State. It has been planned to distribute 3565 inputs to 100 villages to a tune of Rs.4506.250 lakhs. For the first year, under IMFDP Phase II Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.800.620 lakhs. Out of this, Rs.574.90 lakhs have been spent for sanction of loan to fishermen belonging to 57 Primary Fishermen Cooperative Societies. The above loan assistance was given for purchase of 542 fishing inputs in the first year of Phase-II.

In the second year of Phase-II, Rs.41.24 lakhs have been spent for sanction of loan to 81 fishermen who belong to 4 Primary Fishermen Cooperative Societies. So far 46 fishing inputs were distributed with 25% subsidy to the above said fishermen during the second year of Phase-II. It is planned to issue loan for fishing inputs for Rs. 431.48 lakhs with 25% subsidy at 10% rate of interest during the current year.

SERVICE CENTRES

TAFCOFED has started three service centres at a cost of Rs.3.20 lakhs, one at Mallipattinam in Thanjavur District, one each at Tharuvaikulam and Kombuthurai in Thoothukudi Distirct for selling engine spares, fishing requisites and engine oil.

Diesel Outlets



TAFCOFED has felt the need for uninterrupted supply of diesel to the motorised and mechanised fishing fleet in the landing centers. The federation is supplying subsidised diesel. The federation has established diesel outlets in the following places.

S.No	Place	District
1	Pulicat	Thiruvallur
2	Annankovil	Cuddalore
3	Sethubavachathiram	Thanjavur
4	Vembar	Tuticorin
5	Nagore	Nagapattinam
6	Neelankarai	Kanchipuram
7	Chinnamuttom	Kanniyakumari

To cater to kerosene needs of traditional craft fishermen operating with out board engines kerosene outlets in Amali nagar in turicorin district and Allanthalai in tirunelveli district are operated by

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SALE OF OUTBOARD MOTORS/INBOARD ENGINES (OBM/IBE)



TAFCOFED is selling Outboard Motor / Inboard Engine to the eligible fishermen under subsidy scheme. 92 numbers of Outboard Motors / Inboard Engines were sold during the year 2004-2005. This subsidy scheme will be continued during the current year 2005-06.

SUPPLY OF INSULATED ICEBOXES

Under the Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project Scheme, 297 numbers of Insulated Ice Boxes with 100 litres capacity with 75% subsidy were supplied to the members of Fisherwomen Cooperative Societies during 2003-2004. 428 insulated iceboxes with the capacity of 100 litres and 225 litres capacity were supplied to the members of Fishermen Co-Operative Societies during 2004-2005 with 50% subsidy.

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