



New Fisheries Policy | Chhattisgarh | 25 Nov 2022

Why In News?

In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on November 24, 2022, the amendment was approved in the new **fisheries policy of Chhattisgarh** state keeping in mind the interests of fishermen.

Key Points

- In order to preserve the demand and interests of the **fishermen community, the new fisheries policy has decided to lease out ponds and reservoirs** instead of auctioning them for fish farming and give priority to the people of hereditary-traditional fishermen community.
- Provision has been made to connect more and more fishermen with livelihood by reducing the water area allocation limit of ponds and irrigation reservoirs by **50 percent**.
- Reducing the allocated water area limit condition from the value per member will double the number of fish farmers benefited.
- According to the revised new fisheries policy, ponds and irrigation reservoirs for fisheries will no longer be auctioned, but will be given on a **10-year lease**.
- In the allotment of pond and reservoir, priority will be given to **Dhimar, Nishad, Kenwat, Kahar, Kahra, Mallah's fishermen group** and fisheries cooperative society in general area and Scheduled Tribe fishermen group and fisheries cooperative society in scheduled tribe notified area.
- Fisherman means a person who earns his livelihood, fishing, fishing or fish seed production, under which priority is proposed to be given to hereditary-traditional **Dhivar (Dhimar), Nishad (Kenwat), Kahar, Kahra, Mallah**.
- Similarly, fishermen groups and fisheries cooperative societies or fishermen individuals will be allotted half a hectare of water area instead of a maximum of one hectare in case of rural pond and two hectares of water area per member/per person in place of four hectares in case of irrigation reservoir.
- Till now, the audit of the committees formed for fisheries was done only by the Cooperative Department. Now in the revised new fisheries policy, the responsibility of joint team audit of cooperation and fisheries department has been given.
- Under the three-tier panchayat system, the gram panchayat will have the right to allot ponds and irrigation reservoirs of zero to 10 hectare average water area on lease for 10 years.
- District Panchayat more than **10 hectare and up to 100 hectare**, District Panchayat more than **100 hectare and up to 200 hectare** average water area, fishery department lease more than **200 hectare and 1000 hectare** average water area reservoir, barrage to fishermen group and fisheries cooperative society But will give
- All the water areas under the urban body will be under the urban body, which will be allotted on lease for 10 years as per the policy of the government.

Important Decisions Taken in the Meeting of Chhattisgarh Council

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In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on November 24, 2022, several other important decisions including the decision to amend the Chhattisgarh **District Mineral Institute Rules, 2015 were taken.**

Key Points

- It has been decided to amend the Chhattisgarh District Mineral Institute Rules 2015 regarding the restriction of fixed percentage of the amount received in the trust fund for expenditure on infrastructure work edited by the District Mineral Institute Trust. Under this, the provision of spending **20 percent of the amount** available in other priority heads of DMF in the general area and **40 percent** in the notified area has been abolished, this will speed up the work of infrastructure, which will accelerate social and economic development in the state.
- The products will be manufactured by forest produce-based industries set up on the basis of tripartite MoU signed between the State Government Chhattisgarh State Forest Produce Association and private investors. Under the Chhattisgarh Herbal Brand, the government has decided to sell through Sanjeevani and other means while purchasing with a discount of 40 percent.
- As a result of this decision, those industries who want to manufacture forest produce-based products will get a boost. Along with this, good quality products will be sold under Chhattisgarh Herbal.
- The proposal of Chhattisgarh Public Service, Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and **Other Backward Classes Amendment Bill 2022** was approved.
- The proposal for reservation amendment bill in admission to Chhattisgarh educational institution was approved.
- The Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill 2022 was approved for the assembly's deputation of the second supplementary estimate year 2022-23 .
- The proposal to extend the prescribed period from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2018 for withdrawal of cases of ordinary nature pending in various courts of the state in public interest was approved.
- The proposal of the Chief Minister to increase the voluntary grant amount from Rs 70 crore to Rs 110 crore was approved.
- According to the amendment of the Government of India, the amendment proposal submitted by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department in the Revenue Book Circular Section 6 No. 4 was approved.