

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

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**NOTIFICATION**

**Scheme for Up gradation of traditional/ wooden tourist-carrying boats used in various water bodies in Odisha**

**1. Objective:**

This scheme aims to provide safe options for water-based transportation for tourists and general populace in Chilika Lake. This scheme aims to incentivise the boat owners and operators for replacement of traditional/ wooden boats used for tourist transportation across the State with Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP). Boats.

**2. Applicability and Eligibility:**

- The scheme will be applicable for tourist boats operating in Chilika Lake, for all tourist-ferrying inland/ marine boat owners and operators with valid registration certificate and licence under Odisha Boat Rules 2004. The tourist access points for boats upgraded under this scheme shall be asunder:
  - **Khordha:**
    - o Barkul
    - o Aiswaryapatna
    - o Balugaon
    - o Mangalajodi
  - **Puri:**
    - o Satapada
    - o Alupatna
    - o Baghamuda
    - o Sipakuda
    - o Gangadharpur
    - o Mirjapur
    - o Gabakunda
    - o Rayapur
    - o Janhikuda
  - **Ganjam:**
    - o Rambha
- Any other point as identified and decided by Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of Odisha
- This scheme will not be applicable to fishing boats or cargo boats.

- The design of the FRP boats should take into consideration prevailing weather and water conditions of Chilika Lake including depth, wind pattern, corrosion, etc.
- FRP Boats procured under this scheme will have to be certified for safety and worthiness by Directorate of Inland Water Transportation (IWT), Government of Odisha/ Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass) and should comply with National Disaster Management Boat Safety Guidelines of India.
- FRP boats procured under this scheme shall be equipped with adequate lifejackets, lifebuoys and first aid kit.
- The cabin and hull of the boats shall be painted light grey (CMYK 0%, 0%, 0%, 10%).  
The boat registration numbers shall be printed in black colour on both sides in bold. Every boat shall be branded with Odisha Tourism's logo prominently on the starboard.
- Owners of FRP boats procured under this scheme shall commit to operate their boats in the certified location for a minimum continuous period of 2 years, following which they may apply for change of location to Director Tourism or for transfer of ownership in accordance with extant rules and regulations. Failing this, the concerned District Collector will be authorised to impound the said FRP boat and transfer it to a prospective owner/ operator after compensating the erstwhile owner with an amount equal to his equity in the boat's cost plus a compounded annual interest @9%. The debt of the erstwhile owner shall be transferred to the new owner on mutually agreed terms and as per established rules.
- This assistance shall be provided to beneficiaries only once in 5 years.
- This scheme will be limited to the first 480 applications selected through a lottery system within the scheme period, wherein 96 boats will be selected during each of the five years of the scheme period.

### **3. Scheme period and validity:**

This scheme will be valid for 5 years and will be co-terminus with Odisha Tourism Policy 2020-25 unless discontinued earlier or replaced by another scheme.

### **4. Budget:**

A budget of INR 24 Crore has been earmarked for this scheme from 2020 – 2025.

### **5. Obligation to comply with Government Directives and Standard Operating Procedures:**

Every registered boat operator/ owner shall comply with every current government directive and Standard Operating Procedure, including inter alia orders and SOP's issued under the relevant sections of the applicable acts.

Every registered boat operator/ owner shall at all times hold a valid insurance to indemnify the boat, crew and passengers against any damage/ loss to property and/ or life.

Any contravention of such orders and SOPs shall invite Departmental action in the form of penalty not exceeding INR 2,000/-. If the said boat operator/ owner continues to contravene the said orders even after the imposition of penalties, he liable to disciplinary action amounting to debarment from commercial operation of his boat.

Provided that before imposing any penalty or disciplinary action, Secretary Tourism shall serve a notice upon the said boat operator/ owner calling him to show cause as to why the purported action should not be taken against him and afford him a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

#### **6. Incentives:**

- Boat Owners will be provided subsidy of 50% of capital cost of the boat with a cap INR 5 lakh per boat. The subsidy will be directly paid to the boat manufacturer upon confirmation of order, payment of equity contribution and financial closure.
- Boat Owners will have to contribute 20% of the remaining capital cost as equity.
- Department of Tourism will tie-up with Scheduled Banks/ Financial Institutions for financing balance 80% of the remaining capital cost at a reasonable rate of interest. The list of participating banks/ financial Institutions will be available along with the scheme guidelines and shall be updated periodically.

#### **7. Application process:**

Every owner wishing to avail benefits under this scheme shall submit an application in the format provided at Annexure-I complete in all respects, along with an undertaking of authenticity in the format provided at Annexure-II. Along with the application, the applicant shall enclose a valid registration certificate and licence under Odisha Boat Rules 2004.

An application fee of INR 500/- shall be paid to the concerned District Collector in the form of a Demand Draft from any scheduled bank payable at the concerned district.

The Special Committee constituted under Section 8 of this scheme shall inspect the concerned boat and documents and based on its assessment, either communicate to the applicant its decision to refuse eligibility and the reasons thereof or shall issue a Certificate of Incentive Eligibility to the applicant in the format specified at Annexure-III.

Every applicant aggrieved with any decision of the Screening Committee may file appeal before Secretary to Government of Odisha, Department of Tourism, whose decision shall be final and binding.

#### **8. Screening and Approval:**

The applications received will be screened for compliance and will be accorded approval by a special committee comprising of officials and representatives of

- District Administration
- Department of Tourism
- Chilika Development Authority
- Directorate of Inland Water Transportation
- Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF)

- Odisha Tourism Development Corporation
- The Committee may invite other experts or officials to be part of the screening process, if deemed necessary.

District Collector will be the Chairman of the committee and Tourist Officer will be the Member Convenor of the committee.

**9. Implementation of the scheme:**

Disbursal of funds under this scheme will be carried out by District Administration.

**ORDER**

Ordered that the Notification be published in the Odisha Gazette and copies thereof forwarded to the A.G ., Odisha/ all Departments of Govt. / all Heads of Departments/ All RDCs/ all Collectors/ all Tourist Officers for information .

By order of Governor



**(VISHAL KUMAR DEV)**  
**Principal Secretary to Govt.**

Memo No 5031 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dt. 11.6.21

Copy forwarded to Gazette Cell, Commerce & Transport (Commerce) Department, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action.

They are requested to publish the Notification in next issue of extraordinary Odisha Gazette and circulate the same to all concerned and 300 copies may be furnished to this Department for reference.

  
11/6/21  
**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

Memo No 5032 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dt. 11.6.21

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Tourism / P.S. to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ P.S. to Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha/ P.S. to D.G. & I.G. of Police, Odisha/ P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., Tourism Department / P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., Culture Department/ P.S. to Director & Additional Secretary to Govt., Tourism Department for kind information of the Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Hon'ble Minister, Tourism / Chief Secretary, Odisha/ Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha/ Principal Secretary to Govt., Culture Department/Principal Secretary to Govt., Tourism Department/ Director & Additional Secretary to Govt., Tourism Department respectively.

  
11/6/21  
**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

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Copy forwarded to all RDCs/ all Collectors/ all Tourist Officers for information & necessary action.

  
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**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

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Copy forwarded to all Officers/ all sections / all cells of Tourism Department for information & necessary action.

  
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**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

Memo No 5035 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dt. 11.6.21

Copy forwarded to the M.D., OTDC Ltd., Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action.

  
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**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

Memo No 5036 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dt. 11.6.21

Copy forwarded to the Chairman/President, HRAO/ IATO / TAAO / OTOA for information.

  
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**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

Memo No 5037 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dt. 11.6.21

Copy forwarded to the Heads of Portal Group, IT Centre, Odisha Secretariat/ Computer Cell of Tourism Department for information & necessary action.

They are requested to upload the Notification in website of Tourism Department for general information.

  
11/6/21  
**Deputy Secretary to Govt.**

## ANNEXURE-I

1. Name of the Applicant Owner: Mr/ Ms/ Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

(Enclose a self-attested copy of a UID AADHAR Card along with a photograph)

2. Mobile No.: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_ (if available)

4. Complete Address of Owner:

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District:\_\_\_\_\_ Pincode: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Seating Capacity of the currently operated Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ pax

6. Envisaged Seating Capacity of the FRP Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ pax

7. Number of years in tourist operations: \_\_\_\_\_ years

Along with this application form, kindly enclose:

- a. Self-certified copy each of valid Registration Certificate and Boat Licence under Odisha Boat Rules 2004
- b. Comfort Letter from Scheduled Bank/ Financial Institution for financing 40% of the cost of the FRP boat.

Passport  
size photo  
of owner  
applicant

Signature of the Applicant  
Owner

## ANNEXURE-II

To,

**Collector & District Magistrate**

**<Name of District>, Odisha.**

### UNDERTAKING

I have read and understood all terms and conditions of the Scheme for Upgradation of traditional/ wooden tourist-carrying boats used in various water bodies in Odisha and hereby willingly am applying to register and consequentially operate my boat in compliance with applicable guidelines. The information and documents I have submitted for this purpose are correct and authentic to the best of my knowledge. I hereby undertake operate the procured FRP boat in <location> for a minimum continuous period of two years after getting it certified for safety and worthiness by Directorate of Inland Water Transportation (IWT), Government of Odisha/ Indian Register of Shipping (IRCLASS) and at all times shall comply with National Disaster Management Boat Safety Guidelines of India. I also hereby undertake to maintain adequate quantity of functional lifejackets, lifebuoys and first aid kits on my boat.

Name of the Applicant Owner: Mr/ Ms/ Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Applicant

Owner: Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**ANNEXURE-III**

**ODISHA TOURIST BOAT UPGRADATION ELIGIBILITY  
CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that Shri./ Smt. \_\_\_\_\_, with postal address

\_\_\_\_\_, Pincode \_\_\_\_\_, District \_\_\_\_\_, Odisha, is hereby eligible to claim 50% of the cost of the FRP Boat to be operated in <location> in compliance with the all terms and conditions of the Scheme for Upgradation of traditional/ wooden tourist-carrying boats used in various water bodies in Odisha, 2020.

Collector & District Magistrate  
(On behalf of Special Committee)



