

GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN

Shrimp Farming Policy

Whereas circumstances exist which require formulation of shrimp farming policy with main emphasis on shrimp production. This will go a long way in the pursuit of economic development and generation of employment opportunities for the unemployed youth through a well-devised mechanism for:

- i. Replenishing the depleting stock of natural shrimps along the coast of Balochistan.
- ii. Development and dissemination of low cost technology for shrimp aquaculture.
- iii. Promotion of shrimp farming and related trade in the Province.
- iv. Promotion of gainful utilisation of wasteland along the coast.

Now therefore, it has become necessary and imperative to formulate and implement the shrimp farming policy accordingly and consequently the Governor of Balochistan is pleased to issue the following policy for the Province of Balochistan.

1. GENERAL

- i. The shrimp farming policy and terms and conditions therein will be subject to the provision of the BCDA Act, 1998 and Balochistan Sea Fisheries Ordinance 1971 as amended to date. Rules made there under and shall come into force at once.
- ii. This will be applicable both in utilisation of state land and private lands wherever applicable.
- iii. State land where located in rural landscape or urban area will be allotted by way of lease as per eligibility criteria and utilization scheme prescribed hereinafter.
- iv. The inter-tidal area along the coast will not be allotted/utilized for this purpose to avoid any disturbance in the prevailing ecosystems. However the intake and outlet canal can be passed through.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- i. Potential investors/farmers already engaged in the area of shrimp aquaculture.
- ii. Willing investors who intend to enter into this field.
- iii. Fish/shrimp processors having the willingness to backward integrate into commercial farming.
- iv. Local residents of the adjoining villages around the potential areas who are willing to enter into this field.
- v. Individual fishermen, fish-farmers cooperative societies, fishermen associations and similar groups, which are desirous to enter into shrimp farming.

3. SCOPE OF LEASE

Provisions of the existing land lease policy No. 490-8/86/Rev issued by the Government of Balochistan shall apply into the extent of fish aquaculture provided that at least 15 hectares of state land may be allotted subject to the provision of a reasonable bank guarantee and a bankable feasibility study submitted by the applicant.

4. RESTRICTIONS

- i. The allotment shall be cancelled if the allottee shall not start actual work on shrimp farming activity within six months from the date of allotment.

- ii. The allottee shall not be allowed to sale/sublet the land to any other person for shrimp farming and other use and may transfer the land to any other shrimp farmer after obtaining permission from Balochistan Coastal Development and Fisheries Department.
- iii. The allottee shall not be allowed utilise the land for any other purpose except shrimp farming.
- iv. The allottee shall preferably adopt the methodology of semi-intensive or extensive culture for shrimp farming.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- i. Shrimp juveniles will be provided to the potential farmers on nominal prices from government hatcheries, if available.
- ii. Technology being developed in the public sector hatcheries for shrimp farming will be disseminated to the potential farmers.
- iii. Trainings on the practices of shrimp farming will be imparted by the Balochistan Fisheries Department and other provincial and federal agencies.
- iv. Potential farmers will be provided with advice on technical information and inputs for preparation of feasibility study, etc. by the Balochistan Fisheries Department, National Institute of Oceanography, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority, Marine Fisheries Department and other related departments/agencies.

6. SURRENDER FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

- i. Where the leased land for shrimp farming is required for reclamation purpose for the exercise of mineral right by the Government or for any other public purposes, the lessee on the receipt of a notice issued by the Collector to that effect, shall surrender to whole or any part of such lease land within six month of the receipt of notice and no compensation shall be payable for its development.

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