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The Hirakud Reservoir, Hirakud Canals and Hirakud Power Channels Fishing Licence Rules, 1961 Published vide Notification Orissa Gazette supplement 29.9.1961 See Resolution No. on No. 30027-1-Fy-104/61-D/7-9-1961 Subject- Introduction of licensing system of fishing in the Hirakud Reservoir. The State Government have had under consideration for some time past the question of utilizing the Hirakud reservoir for development of fishing. After careful consideration of the question it has been decided that the Fishery Department shall for the present exploit the fisheries of the portion of reservoir lying in Orissa through the fishermen of the locality by issue of licences for both persons and crafts as indicated in the enclosed rules which are also approved by Government. This system shall continue until it becomes feasible to exploit this reservoir on the same lines as the Chilka Fisheries. Order- Ordered that the resolution be published in the Orissa Gazette and copies be forwarded for information to all Departments of Government/ all Heads of Department. Preamble to the rules for fishing licence in Hirakud Reservoir, Hirakud Canal and Hirakud Power Channels The Hirakud reservoir has created a fishing ground of approximately 288 square miles with conditions greatly different from the previously existing riverine fishery in the Mahanadi river bed. Prior to creation of the reservoir, the riverine fishery was being enjoyed free by local fishermen fishing mainly with indigenous nets, hooks and lines and no developmental measures had been undertaken. Fish population consisted of migrations from the main river. The newly impounded water area requires both conservation measures as well as propagation of the fish population. Propagation is being attempted by stocking of the reservoir with improved varieties of fish by locating seed centres on the margin. For conservation, it is necessary to regulate the fishing effort and channelise the work through cooperatives. The following rules will be in operation for fishing licences in Hirakud Reservoir, Hirakud Canals and Hirakud Power Channels.

1.

All types of fishing in the Hirakud reservoir will be regulated by a system of licensing. Each fisherman or Fishermen's Co-operative will have to take out a general fishing licence on payment of prescribed fee.

2.

Anybody found fishing without a licence in the reservoir, canals, etc., will be deemed as a trespasser and will be prosecuted under appropriate provisions of Indian Penal Code.

3.

The Fisheries Department will maintain a register of licences in Form 'A'.

4.

The licence will be of two type-(a)for fishing;(b)for various types of implements and crafts used for fishing.

5.

All individual fishermen who want to fish in the reservoir, canals or power channel will take a licence in Form 'B' not later than the 31st March, each year. Licences may be issued for a part of the year at any time with a proportionate rebate in the licence fee as to be fixed by the Director of Fisheries. All able-bodied fishermen will pay a licence fee of Re. 1 (one) per head and craft and tackle as noted below will be charged at the following rates :

Dug-out Jolly boat or planked boat	Rs. 10 per annum
Dip-net or gill net	Rs. 4 Ditto
Cast net	Rs. 10 Ditto
Phully Jal (Khadi Jal)	Rs. 20 Ditto
Danni	Rs. 20 Ditto
Rod	Rs. 6 Ditto

(This will be subject to revision from time to time. But for the first and second year a rebate of 50 per cent and 25 per cent respectively will be allowed on the above rates).The Fishermen's Co-operatives will take out a licence in Form 'C' not later than the 31st March, each year. Co-operatives will operate nets and boats supplied by the Department of Fisheries and pay $\frac{1}{3}$ rd share of the catches to the Department. $\frac{1}{3}$ rd will be paid to the individual members as their labour and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd will go to the Books of the Society to create a fund for replacing of gear, contingencies expenses, etc.

6.

The licensing bases will be located at suitable places convenient to the fishermen and will be decided by the Director of Fisheries.

7.

The licence will be valid for a financial year which runs from the 1st April to the next 31st March or a part of the year only as to be decided by the Director of Fisheries.

8.

All applications for licence will be in the Form 'D'.

9.

Licences will be issued only on advance payment of licence fee for genuine Fishermen's Co-operatives. No fee will be charged for the licence. A Fishermen's Co-operative will be deemed to be genuine, if not less than 80 per cent of its members are fishermen by profession.

10.

No licensee can fish on the strength of his licence in the part of the Hirakud reservoir which lies in Madhya Pradesh.

11.

The Assistant Director of Fisheries (Hirakud) will be the Licensing Authority. It shall be competent for him to refuse licence or limit it to one or more equipment, if in his opinion, the applicant is not a genuine fisherman or a genuine Fishermen's Co-operative or the number of a particular kind of equipment cannot be increased without detriment to the fishery.

12.

Persons aggrieved by the order of the Assistant Director of Fisheries (Hirakud) may appeal to the Director of Fisheries whose decision will be final. Form 'A' Register of licence (One Register to be maintained for each thana area separate pages being allotted for every village)

Serial No.	Name of the licensee	Father's name or Husband's name	Permanent address	Method of fishing	Date of issue of licenses	Amount of licence	Period of licences	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Form 'B' Form of licence Shri/Shrimati ...son/daughter/wife/widow of.....of village.....police-stationis hereby permitted to fish in the Hirakud reservoir for the period from.....to.....on payment of the licensing fee of Rs.

2. He will fish with the following craft on payment of licence fee as indicated against each with rebate mentioned in para 5 of the rules.

Note - The portion not required will be struck out.

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| 1. Dug-out Jolly boat or planked boat | Rs. 10 per annum |
| 2. Dip-net or gill net | Rs. 4 Ditto |
| 3. Cast net | Rs. 10 Ditto |
| 4. Phully Jal (Khadi Jal) | Rs. 20 Ditto |
| 5. Danni | Rs. 20 Ditto |
| 6. Rod | Rs. 6 Ditto |

The licence will be produced on demand by any officer authorised by the Director of Fisheries during fishing operations, failing which the fishing will be considered as unauthorised.

3. The licensee shall be very careful in his fishing operation and by no means cause any damage to any of the permanent installations, structures, dykes or embankments. Fishing should not be allowed within a distance of half a mile in front of the main dam. He shall take due precaution for his own safety of his helpers and fishing implements. None else will be held responsible for any accident, loss or danger.

This licence is liable to be cancelled for breach of the conditions of licence.

Date..... Signature of the Licensing Authority Designation(Official Seal)

Place.....

Form 'C' Form of licence M/s.....Co-operative Society Ltd. is hereby permitted to fish in the Hirakud reservoir through its members for the period from.....to.....on payment of one-third share of the catches to the Department of Fisheries towards boats and net supplied by them.(2)The society will fish through its members and give a token of identification to each member for check by the officers of the Fisheries Department.(3)The licence will be produced on demand by any officer of the Directorate of Fisheries and the record of catches will be maintained in the form given below and will be open for inspection by an officer of the Fisheries Department authorised by the Director of Fisheries.Date of catch Variety of fish caught Value of sale proceeds in rupees(4)The licensee should be very careful in his fishing operation and by no means cause any damage to any of the permanent installation, structures, dykes or embankments. Fishing should not be allowed within a distance of half mile in front of the main dam. Fishing members shall take due precautions for their own safety,

the safety of his helpers and fishing implements. No one will be held responsible for any accident, loss or danger. This licence will be liable to be cancelled for breach of conditions of the licence. Director of Fisheries Form 'D' Form of application for fishing licence

1. Name of the applicant.....

2. Father's or Husband's name.....

3. Permanent address.....

4. Area where fishing is applied for.....

5. Method of fishing.....

(a) Type of gear craft to be used and number of men to be employed for fishing operation (b) Period of fishing

6. Date of application.....

The applicant hereby undertakes to abide by all the conditions of licence, breach of any of which entail its cancellation. Signature or thumb impression of applicant