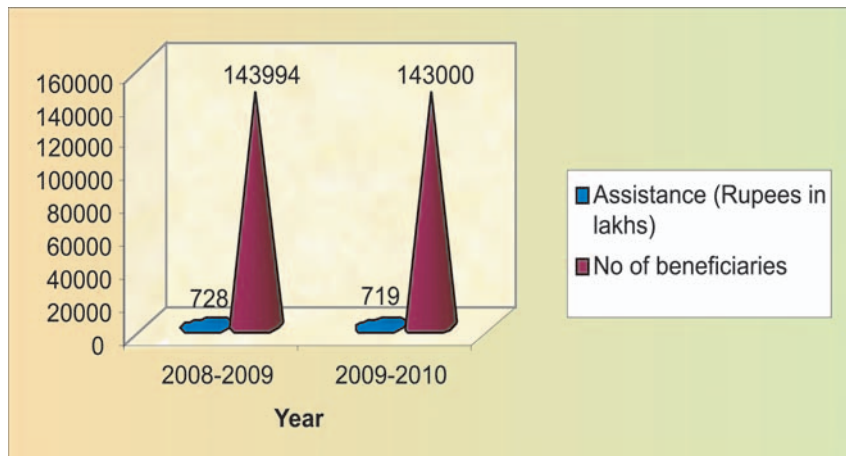


Assistance to fishermen during the fishing ban period

In order to conserve fishery resources in the coastal region of Tamil Nadu, ban on fishing by mechanized fishing boats and trawlers in the territorial waters of the State is being imposed every year for a period of 45 days in the east coast from 15th April to 29th May (inclusive of both the days) from the year 2000 onwards. Government of India is also imposing a similar fishing ban in the east and west coasts in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India every year. The scheme of providing financial assistance of Rs. 500/- per fishermen family (affected due to the ban) was commenced in the year 2008 and the same was raised to Rs. 800/- per family during 2010-2011. Then the relief assistance was enhanced to Rs. 1000/- in the year 2011. Considering the request of the fishermen community, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has now ordered that the relief amount may further be enhanced



Distribution based on number of beneficiaries and financial assistance provided by Tamil Nadu government during the period of ban on fishing

to Rs. 2000/- per fishermen family from this current ban period onwards. During the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, the Tamil Nadu government provided financial assistance of Rs. 728 lakhs and Rs. 719 lakhs respectively during fishing

ban period, which benefited around 1.43 lakh marine fisherfolk.

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