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## MINISTRY OF OCEAN ECONOMY, MARINE RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND SHIPPING

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR THE PURCHASE OF "CANOTTE" (Ref: F/15421/5/4)

- 1. The Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping is implementing a scheme to provide financial assistance to registered fishermen/Fishermen Cooperative Societies for the purchase of "Canotte" for off-lagoon fishing.
- 2. Financial assistance in the form of a grant of 50% of the cost of the "Canotte" up to a maximum amount of Rs 200,000/- will be provided.
- 3. In this context, this Ministry is inviting registered fishermen/ Fishermen Cooperative Societies who wish to benefit from the scheme to submit applications for the purchase of a fibre glass "Canotte" of above 7m and less than 12m in length, equipped with either an inboard or outboard engine of 15HP or above, safety equipment, life jacket for each person on boat, a set of 3 hand flares and radar reflector.
- 4. Applications should be accompanied with the following documents:
  - (i) Letter of application;
  - (ii) Copy of fisherman card/ certificate of registration as Fishermen Cooperative Society;
  - (iii) A brief on the Fishermen Cooperative Society;
  - (iv) Copy of National Identity card; and
  - (v) Quotation from boat builder.
- 5. Additional information on the Financial Assistance Scheme for the purchase of "Canotte" may be obtained on the website of this Ministry at the following address: http://oceaneconomy.govmu.org
- 6. Applications bearing reference (F/15421/5/4) should reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, LICI Building, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis on or before **15 March 2019** by **13 30 hrs at latest.**
- 7. Application forms are available in all Fisheries Posts around the island.
- 8. Registered fishermen/Fishermen Cooperative Societies who have previously submitted applications should submit a fresh application.

Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, LICI Building, Port Louis

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