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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: November, 2019

## Office Memorandum

Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities & the important decisions taken by Ministries / Department to the Cabinet for the month of October, 2019 in respect of the Department of Fisheries – Reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat's O.M No. 1/26/1/2018 – Cab dated  $19^{th}$  August, 2019 on the above subject & to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of October, 2019 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken & progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet / Cabinet Committees for kind information.

Encl. As above

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#### To:

All Members of Council of Ministers

#### Copy to:

- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi (Kind Attn to: Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta, Director)
- 2) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- 3) The Secretary to the President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
- 4) The Secretary to the Vice President, 6 Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi
- 5) The Press Information Officer, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 6) The Secretaries, all Ministries / Department of Government of India
- 7) The Adviser, Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi.

### Copy for information to:

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- 2) PS to Hon'ble MOSs for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- 3) PPS to Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- 4) PPS to As & FA
- 5) PPS to ISs, Department of Fisheries
- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Department website.

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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of October, 2019

### **Fisheries Sector**

The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) in its meeting held on 01st October, 2019 considered the EFC Memo on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Based on the discussions held in the EFC meeting, the revised EFC Memo has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance on 11.10.2019 with the request to convene the EFC Meeting at the earliest.

A review meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) on 03rd October, 2019 at New Delhi, with North Eastern States to review the progress of implementation of Action plan for development of fisheries in North Eastern States based on NITI Forum recommendations and submission of project proposals there under.

The first meeting of the Rules Drafting Committee for the draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2019 was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The first meeting of the Expert Committee for examination of veracity of various tracking/communication devices available/developed and being used by different category of marine fishing vessels was held on 15th October, 2019. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Expert Committee for drafting the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Bill, 2019 was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

The 3rd meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 17<sup>th</sup>October, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider proposals received from 10 (ten) States/UTs under the CSS on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management Fisheries during the year 2019-20.

The  $3^{\rm rd}$  meeting of Central Standing Committee (CSC) to formulate the unit cost norms of guidelines etc. of the activities envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Yojana was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) on  $21^{\rm st}$  October, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Agriculture (2019-20) was held on 23rd, October, 2019 (Wednesday) in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi for briefing on schemes being implemented by the Department of Fisheries.

The final draft CCEA note on Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Management Bill, 2019has been circulated vide dated 16th October, 2019 for inter-ministerial consultation for seeking their view/comments after incorporating the comments received from various stakeholders including State Governments.

The final draft of the Marine Fisheries (Management and Regulation) Bill 2019, after stakeholders and inter ministries consultations is currently with the law and legislative

Department after incorporating the comments received from States and UTs and other stakeholders.

I visited Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala on 9th October, 2019to review the ongoing fisheries Developmental activities undertaken in the State. And to discuss the Marine Fisheries (Management and Regulation) Bill with the State government in Charge Minister Fisheries, Kerala. I also interacted with 16 groups of Fishermen Associations, Boat Owners Associations and other stakeholders to waylay their concerns about the bill. I also visited Dharmasala and Unna Districts in Himachal Pradesh from 24th to 25th October, 2019to review the progress and implementation of trout farming and other fisheries Developmental activities viz ice plants, mini processing units being installed by Kataurkala Fishery Co-operative Society in the State.

# **Fisheries International Cooperation**

Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 7-11thOctober, 2019.

Shri Mukesh, Joint Director of this Department attended the 10th Working party on Methods (WPM10) and 21st Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT21) which were held during 17-18thOctober, 2019and 21st- 24thOctober, 2019 respectively, at Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain.

Dr. Paul Pandian, Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the workshop on Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Biennial Review on Fisheries and Aquaculture held at Muscat, Oman on 29th & 30th October, 2019 and made a presentation on the Marine Fisheries Data Collection, Analysis and Management in India.

#### **Public Grievances**

The grievance disposal under CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries is 93% until 31st October, 2019.