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**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**  
**Department of Fisheries**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/Departments to the Cabinet for the month of August, 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<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on the above subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the months of August, 2019 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committees for kind information.

**Encl:** *As above*

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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/Departments 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 and Dairying
- 2) PS to Hon'ble MOSs for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 3) PPS to Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- 4) PPS to AS&FA
- 5) PPS to JSs, Department of Fisheries
- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Departmental website.

**Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of August, 2019.**

**Fisheries Sector**

- i. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting at Indian national Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 regarding data requirements and data collection points for the fisheries sector and also examined and assessed possible solutions for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of fishing vessels along with satellite based solutions for identifying Potential Fishing Zones (PFZs) thereby enhancing the productivity of fish catch. Options of mariculture and spatial mapping of the coast of India by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) with satellite imaging was examined and the satellite station of INCOIS was visited towards this end. Secretary (Fisheries) also chaired the Empowered Committee Meeting of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 at NFDB, Hyderabad, wherein the following major decisions were taken:- (i) Approval of revised action plan of NFDB for Rs.94.21cr for the year 2019-20, (ii) in-principle approval for Disease Surveillance programme, (iii) in-principle approval for Brackish water shrimp insurance on pilot basis and (iv) to develop comprehensive projects for Aspirational Districts by including reservoirs and wetlands.
- ii. The second meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for finalizing the formulation of norms, unit costs and Guidelines for all the major components and sub-components envisaged under the PMMSY was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iii. The Third meeting of the Expert Committee for drafting Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2019 was held under the Co-chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and based on the comments of the Members of Expert Committee, a consolidated draft Bill has been prepared.
- iv. Secretary (Fisheries) attended the Aqua Aquaria India meeting organized by MPEDA and NFDB for promoting the various fish farming technologies related to Mariculture *viz* Sea Bass, Mud crab, Red snappers etc. on 30.08.2019 and also visited the stalls of State Fisheries Department.

**Fisheries International Cooperation**

- v. An Indian delegation led by Secretary (Fisheries) visited Reykjavik, Iceland during 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 to discuss draft MoU with Iceland in Fisheries sector and to revive bilateral cooperation in the field of sustainable fisheries. Thereafter, Secretary (Fisheries) visited Trondheim, Norway during 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 for Indo-Norwegian Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on fisheries cooperation and to attend Aqua-Nor, 2019 Exhibition.
- vi. A Stakeholder consultation meeting was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss and deliberate the issues relating to the ongoing WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies, wherein the Ambassador, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, Switzerland, Secretary (Commerce) and representatives of coastal States/UTs along with other Stakeholders were present.
- vii. Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO-COFI Sub-committee on Aquaculture held in Trondheim, Norway during 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.