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Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of Principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/Department to the Cabinet for the month of May 2020 in respect of the Department of Fisheries - Regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat's O.M. No. 1/26/1/2018 – Cab dated 19th February, 2020 on the above subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of May, 2020 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees for kind information.

Encl: As above

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- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi **(Kind Attn: Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta, Director)**
- 2) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister office, South Block, Secretariat Building, New Delhi – 110011.
- 3) The Secretary to the President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi - 110004
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- 5) The Press Information Officer, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Room No. 552, A Wing Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001
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- 7) The Adviser, Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi

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- 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
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- 5) PPS to Js, 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 achievement of Department of Fisheries during the month of May, 2020

Dr. J.K Jena, Dy. Director General (Fy), ICAR made a power point presentation on “Fisheries Interventions for increasing fish production and Export” to Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying which was attended by me and team of officers on 12-05-2020 at Krishi Bhawan. During presentation, the strategies for enhancement of fish production and productivity with special reference to quality fish seed, feed, diversified candidate species for commercial aquaculture, mariculture including sea weed, advanced breeding and farming technologies, fisheries infrastructure facilities, strengthening of fisheries extension activities etc. were discussed at length and subsequently an action plan with further internally discussed and formulated.

Secretary Fisheries chaired the second meeting with the senior officers of the Department of Fisheries on various issues related to strengthening of fisheries database of the Department on 13.05.2020. The following issues were reviewed to (i) progress of several initiatives and early grounding of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY); (ii) sub-projects of PMMSY to be taken on mission mode; (iii) Implementation strategy of Department for social media including press release, website and dashboard; (iv) Expenditure of Department of First Quarter (First two months) of 2020-21-and (v) e-office implementation progress and strategy of Department.

Secretary Fisheries chaired a review meeting on 15th May, 2020 at New Delhi reviewing the various fisheries developmental activities being implemented by NFDB, status of the implementation of pilot project on Ornamental fisheries in the various States and Sea weed projects sanctioned to various States/UTs by NFDB.

In pursuance of the announcement made under Self-reliant India Special package for Fisheries Sector, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 20th May, 2020 has approved the “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with highest ever investment of Rs. 20050 crores in fisheries sector comprising of Central share of Rs. 9407 crore, State share of Rs 4880 crore and Beneficiaries contribution of Rs. 5763 crore. The scheme will be implemented over a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories.

Dr. P. Paul Pandian, Fisheries Development Commissioner participated in the 76th Annual session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations (UN-ESCAP), which was held via video conferencing on 21st May, 2020 at UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand.

The Order regarding implementation of Uniform Fishing Ban in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for conservation of fish stocks and Sea safety reasons exempting Non-motorised traditional Fishing boats was issued on 25th May, 2020. The Uniform Fishing Ban for the current year has been reduced from 61 days to 47 days taking into fishing days lost due to Lockdown imposed to contain Covid-19 pandemic from 24-3-2020 to 09-4-2020 (17 days) prohibiting fishing activity. Active Fisher’s are provided financial relief under ‘saving-Cum-relief’ scheme.

Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India, along with Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon’ble MOS and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon’ble MOS

addressed a press conference on 26th May, 2020 at National Media Centre on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) a scheme to bring about Blue-Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India with an investment of 20050 Crores over a period of five years, from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

Secretary Fisheries have participated in a discussion in DD News and DD Kisan on 27th May, 2020 on the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" in which he highlighted the broad scope and opportunities in the fisheries sector, utilization of untapped fisheries potential area, how to achieve export upto Rs. 1 lakh Crore, strategies to achieve fish production to 22 MMT in next five years, scope of innovative and entrepreneurial ventures, and overall sustainable development of fisheries sector in the Country.

Secretary Fisheries attended a meeting which was held under the Chairmanship of Principal Advisor to Prime Minister on 28th May, 2020 on the Financial Management and Governance Reforms. A presentation was made Additional Secretary & FA, Ministry of Rural Development. MoRD highlighted initiatives on the PFMS based financial and governance reforms in most of the Schemes.

A meeting was conducted on 29/05/2020 with Secretary, Rural development regarding convergence and collaboration of the departmental schemes for best results in the field.

To facilitate the import of shrimp Broodstock and other aquaculture imports, it was decided to extend the validity of Sanitary Import Permits (SIPs) issued for import of SPF shrimp brood stock during the financial year 2019-2020 upto 30th June, 2020 for the financial year 2020-2021 in commensurate with the validity of the LOP issued by Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA).